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FIRST DAY.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 8, 1884.

Opening.—The Seventy-first Session of the Tennessee Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the lecture-room of McKendree Church, in the city of Nashville, Tenn., October 8, 1884, at 9 o'clock A.M., with Bishop H. N. McTyeire presiding. The Bishop conducted the opening religious service by using hymn 272, beginning,

And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?

followed by fervent prayer, reading a part of the fourth chapter of Second Corinthians, and singing the 904th hymn.

Bishop Pierce.—In opening the Conference the Bishop referred with much feeling to the late Bishop Pierce, who was to have presided over this Conference, but who, in the inscrutable providence of God, had been called to his reward.

Roll-call.—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, whereupon 133 ministers and 26 lay delegates answered to their names.

Secretaries.—W. M. Leftwich was elected Secretary, and upon his nomination Wellborn Mooney and J. J. Pitts were elected Assistant Secretaries, and T. B. Holt Statistical Secretary.

Standing Committees.—The presiding elders nominated and the Conference elected the following Standing Committees:

PUBLIC WORSHIP—R. K. Brown, J. D. Barbee, John P. McFerrin, W. D. F. Sawrie, J. D. Scott, W. M. Leftwich, W. Burr, G. L. Beal, and J. E. Harrison.

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BIBLE CAUSE—J. T. Curry, W. T. Dye, B. F. Ferrell, N. A. Anthony, S. M. Cherry, W. H. Doss, J. H. Strayhorn, Lewis Lowe, G. B. McPeak, and W. W. Harrington.

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MEMOIRS—John P. McFerrin, W. Weakley, H. C. Tucker, and W. A. Leath.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—R. P. Ransom, G. W. Winn, G. D. Byrne, J. A. McFerrin, W. J. Collier, J. G. Molloy, W. B. Lowry, M. J. Mabry, S. L. Fain, and H. S. Ledbetter.

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TEMPERANCE—R. R. Jones, J. R. Cockrill, J. B. Erwin, Z. W. Moores, T. H. Woodard, W. A. Bailey, W. T. Porter, O. G. Halliburton, W. W. Pinson, and E. K. Denton.

Bishops Kavanaugh and Pierce.—J. B. McFerrin introduced, and the Conference unanimously adopted, the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wisdom to remove from our Church during the passing year two of our beloved and esteemed General Superintendents, namely: Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, D.D., who died at Columbus, Miss., March 19th; and Bishop George F. Pierce, D.D., who died near Sparta, Ga., September 3, 1884; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Memoirs be requested to prepare a suitable minute to be spread upon the Journal of the Tennessee Conference, commemorative of each of these distinguished and lamented chief ministers.

2. That as the late Bishop Pierce, in the "Plan of Episcopal Visitation," was appointed to preside over the Tennessee Conference, which opens this day in this city, we feel the more keenly his loss, for to his coming we looked with prayerful interest.

3. That we heartily welcome Bishop H. N. McTyeire, who is present and ready to fill the place of our departed brother; and now that he has been providentially called so early and unexpectedly to the position of Senior Bishop in our beloved Church, we offer for him our earnest prayers that he may be sustained in his responsible station.

4. That we more than ever appreciate the "itinerant general superintendency of our Church." When one dies, without any infraction of law or violation of rule, another steps forward, assumes the duties of the office, and the work goes on without let or hinderance.

5. That after a test of our episcopacy for one hundred years, we heartily approve of that "restrictive rule" that will not allow the General Conference to do away the episcopacy or destroy the plan of our itinerant general superintendency.

J. B. McFERRIN,

B. W. MACREA.

Colvin Fund.—J. B. McFerrin, Trustee, reported the interest from the "Colvin Fund," which was referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

Publishing House.—J. B. McFerrin, Book Agent, submitted the Annual Report of the Book Agent and Book Committee on the business of the Publishing House, which was referred, without reading, to the Committee on Books and Periodicals. He also addressed the Conference on the condition and work of the Publishing House, in the course of which he commended in very strong terms the recent publications of the House, especially Bishop McTyeire's "History of Methodism."

B. A. Simms.—A letter from B. A. Simms, of Texas, to Dr. J. B. McFerrin, inquiring about his relation to the Tennessee Annual Conference, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Nashville College for Young Ladies.—A note from Dr. G. W. F. Price, President of the Nashville College for Young Ladies, was read and received with thanks, inviting the members of the Conference to visit that institution at their convenience.

R. K. Brown.—When under Question 20 the name of R. K. Brown, presiding elder of the Nashville District, was called, William Doss objected to his official administration and called for a committee of investigation. The case was referred to a committee consisting of L. C. Bryan, J. W. Cullom, and R. P. Ransom.

Dr. G. S. Savage, Superintendent of the American Bible Society's work in Kentucky and Tennessee, addressed the Conference on the work of that society, especially in Tennessee.

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, addressed the Confer-

ence on the special work he is doing for the Church through the *Christian Advocate*; after which the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 9, 1884.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A.M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. Religious service was conducted by A. T. Goodloe. On motion the roll-call was dispensed with for the remainder of the session.

After approving the Journal of yesterday, several lay delegates were reported present who were not present yesterday.

Postmaster.—The Conference appointed Z. W. Moores postmaster.

QUESTION 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

James F. Tinnon, James W. Faires, Edward K. Denton, James T. Blackwood, and Joseph S. Carl.

QUESTION 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Samuel J. Shasteen, James T. Curry, John Knox Lee, Daniel E. Morris, and William J. Wright.

W. B. Bonnell.—Under Question 1, Who are admitted on trial? W. B. Bonnell, missionary to China, was admitted on trial upon the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Covington Station, Oxford District, North Georgia Conference. Under Question 4, he was admitted into full connection, after due examination by the Bishop before the Conference on the disciplinary questions. Being a local deacon, he was elected to elder's orders under the special provision of the Discipline, section 8, paragraph 71, answer to Question 2, on page 92.

QUESTION 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

W. B. Bonnell, James F. Tinnon, James W. Faires, Edward K. Denton, James T. Blackwood, J. S. Carl, James T. Curry, and John Knox Lee were ordained elders in the presence of the Conference, by Bishop McTyeire, assisted by J. B. McFerrin, A. G. Haygood, and J. G. Ray. At the same time and place, and by the same service, Samuel J. Shasteen was ordained a local elder.

Distinguished Visitors.—A. G. Haygood, of Georgia, W. T. Harris, J. W. Waters, R. B. Swift, C. D. Hilliard, J. R. Bell, G. T. Sullivan, E. K. Bransford, and Mr. Evans, of the Memphis Conference, were registered as visitors, and invited to seats within the bar.

Soule Female College.—A communication, from Soule Female College was received and referred, without reading, to the Board of Education.

R. K. Brown.—The committee in the case of R. K. Brown submitted the following report, which was accepted by the Conference:

To the Bishop and Members of the Tennessee Annual Conference, assembled.

We, the committee appointed to investigate the charge of maladministration involving immorality, preferred by Rev. William Doss against Rev. R. K. Brown, presiding elder of Nashville District, beg to report that we have discharged that duty, and after prayerfully and patiently investigating the case, we find no grounds for complaint nor shadow of cause for trial whatever; and we recommend that his character pass.

L. C. BRYAN,
J. W. CULLOM,
R. P. RANSOM.

B. A. Simms.—The Committee on Conference Relations offered the following report on the case of B. A. Simms, which was accepted:

We, the Committee on Conference Relations, beg leave to submit the following report in the case of B. A. Simms:

We find that in 1851 he was admitted on trial, and that he traveled until 1857, when he was put on the superannuated list; there he remained until 1867—ten years—when in answer to Question 14, "What preachers have died during the year? *Answer.* B. A. Simms is supposed to be dead." Hence his name was dropped from the roll. S. L. FAIN, *Chairman.*

J. A. McFERRIN, *Secretary.*

Further action was deferred for the present.

QUESTION 2. Who remain on trial?

Isaiah S. Napier, J. C. Myers, John S. Curtis, W. T. Haggard, and Henry O. Moore.

QUESTION 3. Who are discontinued?

John W. Hatcher, at his own request.

QUESTION 9. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

A. P. McFerrin.

QUESTION 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

George W. Blanton, George L. Beal, and W. P. Swindell.

W. P. Swindell.—When his name was called, his presiding elder stated that he did not go to his work this year, and submitted a letter from him in which he gave the reasons, professed regret and sorrow for his disobedience, and asked the Conference to excuse him, promising to do better in the future. After full and free discussion, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved,* That we, the members of the Tennessee Conference, do most heartily condemn the course of W. P. Swindell, in refusing to serve the charge to which he was appointed last fall.

2. That in view of Brother Swindell's professed penitence for this offense, and purpose to do better in the future, we now pass his character.

J. B. WEST,
WELLBORN MOONEY,
B. F. HAYNES.

Luther G. Hensley.—Application in due form, under Chapter 19, Section 1, paragraph 137, on page 166 of the Discipline, was made by the Quarterly Conference of Center Circuit, Union City District, of the Memphis Conference, for the restoration to Luther G. Hensley of his ordination parchments. A statement of the case was made by W. T. Harris, presiding elder of the Union City District, Memphis Conference; but while the question was pending, the time for adjournment arrived, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by Dr. McFerrin.

THIRD DAY.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 10, 1884.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A.M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. The religious service was conducted by J. M. Wright. The Journal of yesterday's session was approved.

Superannuated.—Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, the following were put on the superannuated list: D. H. Merryman, Jour-

dan Moore, A. J. B. Foster, George W. Martin, J. W. Hanner, sr., J. W. Tarrant, W. H. Johnson, R. G. Irvine, B. F. Jackson, E. J. Allen, and E. L. Jones.

Supernumerary.—C. B. Faris, W. M. Shaw, W. H. Riggins, A. M. Ezell, W. R. Warren, G. T. Henderson, J. B. Hamilton, A. H. Reams, W. P. Warren, W. N. Moore, S. Lassiter, and J. H. Strayhorn.

On motion the Conference voted the supernumerary relation—the report of the committee to the contrary notwithstanding—to W. T. Nesbitt, by a vote of 127 to 10; to H. L. Booth, by a vote of 138 to 4; and to Jesse J. Ellis, by a vote of 124 to 3; these votes being over three-fourths majority.

The “Elliston Fund.”—In obedience to the instruction of the last Conference, the Secretary of the Conference reported a written statement of the “Elliston Fund,” from Dr. W. H. Morgan, which was referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

Distinguished Visitors.—Dr. D. R. McAnally, editor of the *St. Louis Advocate*; Dr. Morgan Callaway, President of Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga.; Rev. W. T. Andrews, of the North Alabama Conference; Rev. G. W. Burnett, of the Denver Conference; and Rev. Dr. Sprowls, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, were recognized as visitors, and invited to seats within the bar.

Paine Institute.—Dr. Callaway was introduced, and addressed the Conference in behalf of Paine Institute, established by the last General Conference for the education of colored teachers and preachers. He was followed by Drs. McFerrin, McAnally, and Fitzgerald; also a collection for Paine Institute, which amounted to \$242.

On motion of J. B. McFerrin, the Conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, with the doxology, and benediction by Dr. Callaway.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference convened at 3 o'clock P.M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. The religious service was conducted by J. C. Putman. The Journal of the morning session was approved.

Examination of Character.—Under Question 20, Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? the most of the session was taken up.

The name of J. G. Hinson was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

William Doss.—When the name of William Doss was called, R. K. Brown, presiding elder of the Nashville District, said that during the year trouble arose involving the character of Brother Doss, which required a committee of investigation. The committee investigated the case and found him “not guilty,” and he now submitted the records of the investigation to the Conference. On motion, the Bishop appointed a committee of three elders to investigate the case and report to the Conference, viz., J. C. Putman, A. T. Goodloe, and J. G. Ray.

After notices, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 11, 1884.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A.M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. The religious service was conducted by J. W. Cullom, after the approval of the Journal.

Dr. D. R. McAnally, editor of the *St. Louis Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference in behalf of his paper; also recommending his published sermon on "What is Methodism?"

Christian Thought.—S. M. Cherry presented the claims of *Christian Thought*, edited by Dr. C. F. Deems, of which he is the agent.

Quarterly Review.—A communication from Dr. J. W. Hinton, editor of the *Quarterly Review*, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals, and Lewis R. Amis was appointed agent to solicit subscribers.

William Doss.—The committee in the case of William Doss reported as follows:

Your committee of investigation in the case of the Rev. William Doss, and to whom was referred the proceedings of a former committee of inquiry, appointed by the Rev. R. K. Brown, presiding elder of the Nashville District—to wit, J. D. Barbee, G. W. Winn, J. P. McFerrin, T. A. Kerley, and J. D. Scott—said proceedings concluding with a verdict of acquittal, signed by every member of the committee, May 5, 1884, beg leave to report as follows: No other facts than those contained in the papers referred to us by the Conference have come to our knowledge; and after weighing the whole matter as best we could, in all its aspects thus presented to our consideration, find no reason for differing from the decision of the former committee, and so conclude that a trial is not necessary, and recommend that the character of Rev. William Doss be passed.

J. C. PUTMAN,

A. T. GOODLOE,

J. G. RAY.

This report was received, which passed the character of William Doss.

QUESTION 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

J. C. Orr and John E. Stovall, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of West End and Vanderbilt Station, Nashville District; James M. Patterson, by the Quarterly Conference of Cookeville Circuit, Carthage District; Samuel L. C. Coward, by the Quarterly Conference of Alexandria Circuit, Carthage District; James A. Holaday, by the Quarterly Conference of Cumberland Circuit, Carthage District; John W. Donnell, by the Quarterly Conference of Woodbury Circuit, Carthage District; John F. Townsend, by the Quarterly Conference of Beech Grove Circuit, McMinnville District; Thomas M. White, by the Quarterly Conference of Hillsboro Circuit, McMinnville District; Festus M. Fuller, by the Quarterly Conference of Spring Hill Circuit, Franklin District; James J. Ledbetter, by the Quarterly Conference of Linden Circuit, Savannah District; James M. Oakley, by the Quarterly Conference of Duck River Circuit, Centerville District; and Fountain Pitts Johnson, by the Quarterly Conference, White Bluff Mission, Centerville District, were severally elected to deacon's orders. John H. L. Davis, elected to deacon's orders by the North Alabama Conference in November, 1883; Joseph C. Roberts, by the Tennessee Conference, October 19, 1882; Robert R. Jarratt and Luther V. Ellington, by the Tennessee Conference, October 19, 1883; W. T. Hart, by the Tennessee Conference, October, 1881, were reported present for ordination.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

John E. Harrison and Lafayette Meek, recommended by the Quarterly Confer-

ence of the West End and Vanderbilt Station, Nashville District; James M. Patterson, by the Quarterly Conference of Cookeville Circuit, Carthage District; W. E. Caperton, by the Quarterly Conference of Goose Creek Circuit, Carthage District; Joseph C. Roberts, by the Quarterly Conference of Hillsboro Circuit, McMinnville District; William R. Keathley, by the Quarterly Conference of Caney Fork Mission, McMinnville District; Samuel J. Shasteen, by the Quarterly Conference of Tulsa Circuit, Shelbyville District; John D. Massey, by the Quarterly Conference of Elk River Circuit, Shelbyville District; John F. Beasley by the Quarterly Conference of Macedonia Circuit, Shelbyville District; William A. Lusby, by the Quarterly Conference of Prospect Circuit, Columbia District; Theophilus Lee, by the Quarterly Conference of Pleasant Valley Circuit, Columbia District; Robert M. Chenault, by the Quarterly Conference of Williamsport Circuit, Savannah District; and James M. Oakley, by the Quarterly Conference of Duck River Circuit, Centerville District. Each, after passing an approved examination, was admitted on trial in the traveling connection. The Conference granted the presiding elder of Clarksville District permission to employ William J. Free.

Distinguished Visitors.—The Rev. Dr. Hardie Brown, of North Alabama Conference; the Rev. Dr. Braden, of the M. E. Church; and the Rev. Dr. Provine, of the C. P. Church, were recognized as visitors and invited to seats within the bar of the Conference.

The Sabbath.—J. B. McFerrin submitted the following paper on the holy Sabbath, which was read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas we have a profound regard for the institutions of Christianity and the laws of God and man which enjoin respect for the holy Sabbath, and threaten its violation with punishment; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we, the Tennessee Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Conference assembled, do enter our solemn protest against the habit that is obtaining in this country, especially about our cities, of desecrating the holy Sabbath by the introduction of base-ball plays and other worldly amusements, such as secular concerts, etc., that are calculated to destroy the sanctity of the holy Sabbath, bring disrepute upon the Christian religion, and undermine the foundations of sound morals and good order.

2. That we earnestly request our preachers to expose the error and sinfulness of these evils that threaten to overrun our country and destroy the youth of our land.

3. That we invoke the aid of all good men and women in arresting these popular evils that are fraught with danger to our beloved country.

4. That we regard the desecration of the holy Sabbath and a disrespect to its claims as an entering wedge designed by infidels and skeptics to destroy the influence of the Christian religion, and open a door for the exercise of the unrestrained passions of the human heart.

J. B. MCFERRIN.

Ward's Seminary.—A note from Dr. W. E. Ward, inviting the members of the Conference to visit his Seminary, was received with thanks.

Centenary Committee.—John F. Hughes, Chairman of the Centenary Committee, presented the report of that committee on the endowment of a female college, which, after a very liberal discussion by Drs. Kelley, McFerrin, and others, was unanimously adopted.

Public Worship.—The Committee on Public Worship supplied the several churches of the city and suburbs with preachers for the Sabbath (to-morrow), after which the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. McFerrin.

FIFTH DAY.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 13, 1884.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A.M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. The religious service was conducted by Dr. McAnally. The Journal of Saturday was approved.

Ordinations.—The Bishop reported the following persons ordained deacons, yesterday, October 12th, after the sermon at 11 o'clock A.M., at McKendree Church, in which he was assisted by W. M. Leftwich, R. K. Brown, and J. B. McFerrin, viz.:

QUESTION 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Anderson P. McFerrin.

QUESTION 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

John C. Orr, John E. Stovall, John H. L. Davis, James M. Patterson, James A. Holladay, Samuel L. C. Coward, John W. Donnell, Festus M. Fuller, James J. Ledbetter, Fountain Pitts Johnson, James M. Oakley, Joseph C. Roberts, Robert R. Jarratt, Luther V. Ellington, and W. T. Hart.

The Daily Papers.—A note from A. S. Colyar, presenting to the Conference two hundred copies of the *Daily American* containing the Centenary Sermon of Dr. J. B. McFerrin, delivered in McKendree Church yesterday, was received with thanks. The proprietors of the *Daily World*, through G. W. Winn, made a similar presentation, which was also received with thanks.

Examination of Character.—Under Question 20, Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? the characters of many of the preachers were examined and passed without objection.

Distinguished Visitor.—Dr. David Sullins, President of Emory and Henry College, Virginia, was recognized as a visitor, and invited to a seat within the bar.

Sunday-schools.—The Sunday-school Board submitted their report, which after discussion, was amended and adopted.

Drs. McAnally and Cunyningham addressed the Conference on the character of Sunday-school literature and music, condemning the Cook literature, from Chicago, and the "Gospel Hymns and Sacred Songs," as teaching Antinomianism.

Missionary Collections.—J. B. Richardson, Conference Missionary Treasurer, read a summary of his report, showing the amount collected for Foreign Missions this year to be \$11,882.80, and for Domestic Missions, \$3,797.08; total, \$15,679.88.

Centenary Fund.—J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer of the Conference Centenary Fund, submitted his report, showing the total amount received to date \$48,014.13, subject to amendment.

On motion of D. C. Kelley, the following persons were added to the Board of Trustees of the Centenary Fund, viz.: J. B. McFerrin, B. W. Macrea, D. T. Reynolds, and E. W. Cole.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference convened at 3 o'clock P.M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. After religious service, conducted by William Burr, and the approval of the Journal of the morning session, the Statistical Secretary and the Committee on Church Property presented their reports, which were accepted, and which, with the report of the Sunday-school Board, answered the statistical questions which will be found in their proper place.

Question 20 was resumed, and T. L. Darnell and Garrett W. Martin were reported to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

R. P. Gannaway, George W. Johnston, and W. H. Wilkes were reported to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

Finance.—W. H. Morrow, Chairman, and T. A. Kerley, Secretary, submitted the report of the Joint Board of Finance, which was accepted, and which answers the questions to be found in their proper place. The full report is given under the general head, "Joint Board of Finance."

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. McAnally.

SIXTH DAY.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 14, 1884.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A.M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. The religious service was conducted by J. R. Plummer. The Journal of the yesterday afternoon session was approved.

Death's Doings.—QUESTION 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

R. L. Fagan, A. B. Coke, W. H. Anthony, R. T. Nabors, and Michael S. Stewart (on trial). Suitable memoirs of each of these brethren were read last night at the memorial-service in McKendree Church, presided over by J. P. McFerrin, Chairman of the Committee on Memoirs. Also a suitable minute of Bishops H. H. Kavanaugh and G. F. Pierce, who have died during the year. (See Memoirs.)

Dr. J. G. Wilson.—Resolutions of respect for the late Dr. J. G. Wilson, of the St. Louis Conference, who was at one time a member of the Tennessee Conference, were accepted and ordered spread on the Journal.

Next Conference.—QUESTION 31. Where shall the next Conference be held? At Columbia.

Education.—The Board of Education, through J. M. Wright, Chairman, made their report, which was accepted; after which Dr. David Sullins, President of Emory and Henry College, addressed the Conference felicitously on the work his college has done and is doing for the Church, and the effort he is now making to raise an endowment of one hundred thousand dollars.

Full Connection.—QUESTION 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

James T. Curry, A. P. McFerrin, and John Knox Lee.

Finance.—T. A. Kerley, Secretary Joint Board of Finance, presented report No. 2, which was accepted.

W. H. Wilkes.—On motion of J. W. Hill, the name of W. H. Wilkes was recalled from the Committee on Conference Relations and left effective.

Located.—QUESTION 16. Who are located this year?

R. A. Wilson, at his own request; and George W. Johnston, on account of inefficiency and unacceptability.

Characters Examined.—Under Question 20, the examination of character was completed, and all the preachers were found blameless in life and official administration; upon which fact the Bishop congratulated the Conference.

W. R. Lambuth.—When the name of W. R. Lambuth, Missionary to China, was called, a deeply interesting letter from him was read, giving an account of his work in Soochow, China, as a physician and missionary.

J. J. Ransom.—When the name of J. J. Ransom, Missionary to Brazil, was called, he came forward and addressed the Conference at length and ably on his work in the Empire of Brazil.

R. A. Young, Missionary Secretary, also addressed the Conference briefly upon the work of these foreign missionaries and the best means of helping them.

Missionary Treasurer.—The Board of Missions, through W. Mooney, Secretary, presented a resolution concerning the Missionary Treasurer, which, after explanation, was accepted, and may be found in its proper place.

Complimentary.—A resolution complimenting the reporters and the daily papers of the city for their full reports of the proceedings of the Conference was passed, after which the Conference adjourned to meet at 3:30 P.M., with the benediction by Dr. Sullins.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference convened at 3:30 P.M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. Religious service was conducted by W. H. Wilkes. The Journal of the morning session was approved.

The Board of Church Extension, through T. P. Weakley, Secretary, and B. W. Macrea, Treasurer, submitted their report, which was accepted.

District Assessments.—On motion of T. J. Duncan, the four boards that make assessments on the districts were instructed to regard the Columbia, Clarksville, Franklin, and Murfreesboro districts as equal, and assess them accordingly.

Conference Fund.—The following paper, presented by W. H. Cherry and others, on a permanent fund for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, was discussed and accepted; and the Bishop appointed W. H. Cherry, B. W. Macrea, E. W. Cole, J. L. Parkes, and W. H. Morrow as the Board of Trustees provided for in the paper, to wit:

Whereas the very small allowance made by the Conference to the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers is totally inadequate to their maintenance, and whereas some plan ought to be adopted to increase the fund for their annual support; therefore, be it

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference create a board of five trustees who shall receive all donations or bequests for the sole use and benefit of the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, to be held and safely invested at interest as a permanent fund. That the interest on this fund be annually paid over by said Board of Trust to the Joint Board of Finance for proper distribution.

2. That each preacher in this Conference is hereby directed to present the subject to his charge during the months of April or May, 1885, by preaching a sermon on the subject or in such manner as he may deem best, and make all possible effort to raise the money for the purpose above named.

W. H. CHERRY,
B. W. MACREA,
WILLIAM H. MORROW.

Conference Relations.—Upon the report of the Committee on Conference Relations, J. G. Hinson and R. P. Gannaway were given a supernumerary relation, and Garrett W. Martin and T. L. Darnell the superannuated relation.

On motion of J. A. Orman, R. W. Bellamy was given a supernumerary relation—the report of the Committee on Conference Relations to the contrary notwithstanding—by a vote of 87 to 24.

Books and Periodicals.—The Committee on Books and Periodicals, through B. F. Haynes, Chairman, submitted their report, which, after remarks by J. B. McFerrin, Book Agent, and Dr. W. P. Harrison, Book Editor, was accepted.

Temperance.—The Committee on Temperance, through W. W. Pinson, Chairman, submitted their report, which was accepted.

Agent Centenary Fund.—The Board of Trustees of the Conference Centenary Fund asked the appointment of B. F. Haynes as agent to raise the funds asked for by the Centenary Committee for female education. The Conference agreed to join in the request, and, on motion of J. B. McFerrin, promised hearty coöperation with the agent in his work.

Bible Cause.—The Committee on Bible Cause, through S. M. Cherry, Secretary, submitted their report, which was amended by striking out the first resolution, and then adopted.

Received by Transfer.—QUESTION 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Gross Alexander, from the Louisville Conference; G. W. Burnett, from the Denver Conference; J. S. Carl, from the Little Rock Conference.

District Conference Records.—The Committee on District Conference Records, through W. M. Green, Chairman, made their report, which was accepted.

Luther G. Hensley.—The case of Luther G. Hensley was taken from the table, and after discussion, and on motion of J. R. Plummer, the Conference declined to grant the request of the Quarterly Conference of Center Circuit, Union City District, Memphis Conference, to restore his ordination parchments.

B. A. Simms.—The case of B. A. Simms was referred to the presiding elder of the Columbia District, on the ground that nothing has been known of him by this Conference for many years.

The usual complimentary resolutions were passed, the Journal was read up, and the Bishop answered Question 32 by reading the appointments of the preachers for the ensuing year, which are published as the answer to the last of the regular Conference questions. After which the Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the doxology, and benediction by the Bishop.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. W. B. Bonnell, John E. Harrison, Lafayette Meek, James M. Patterson, W. E. Caperton, Joseph C. Roberts, William R. Keathley, Samuel J. Shasteen, John D. Massey, John F. Beasley, William A. Lusby, Theophilus Lee, Robt. M. Chenault, James M. Oakley. 14.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Isa. S. Napier, John C. Myers, John S. Curtis, W. T. Haggard, Henry O. Moore. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? John W. Hatcher, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? W. B. Bonnell, A. P. McFerrin, jr., James T. Curry, John Knox Lee. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Gross Alexander, G. W. Burnett, J. S. Carl. 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? George W. Blanton, George L. Beale, W. P. Swindell. 3.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? A. P. McFerrin, jr. 1.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? A. P. McFerrin, jr. 1.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? John C. Orr, John E. Stovall, J. H. L. Davis, James M. Patterson, James A. Holladay, Samuel L. C. Coward, John W. Donnell, Festus M. Fuller, James J. Ledbetter, Fountain Pitts Johnson, James M. Oakley, Joseph C. Roberts, Robert R. Jarratt, Luther V. Ellington, William T. Hart. 15.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John C. Orr, John E. Stovall, J. H. L. Davis, James M. Patterson, James A. Holladay, Samuel L. C. Coward, John W. Donnell, Festus M. Fuller, James J. Ledbetter, Fountain Pitts Johnson, James M. Oakley, Joseph C. Roberts, Robert R. Jarratt, Luther V. Ellington, William T. Hart. 15.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? James F. Tinnon, James W. Faires, Edward K. Denton, James T. Blackwood, Joseph S. Carl, W. B. Bonnell. 6.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? James F. Tinnon, James W. Faires, Edward K. Denton, James T. Blackwood, Joseph S. Carl, W. B. Bonnell. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Samuel J. Shasteen, Daniel E. Morris, William J. Wright, James T. Curry, John Knox Lee. 5.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Samuel J. Shasteen, James T. Curry, John Knox Lee. 3.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? R. A. Wilson, at his own request; G. W. Johnston. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? W. T. Nesbitt, H. L. Booth, C. B. Faires, W. H. Riggan, W. R. Warren, J. B. Hamilton, W. M. Shaw, A. M. Ezell, G. T. Henderson, A. H. Reams, W. P. Warren, Stanford Lassiter, W. N. Moore, J. H. Strayhorn, J. J. Ellis, J. G. Hinson, R. P. Gannaway, R. W. Bellamy. 19.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? D. H. Merryman, Jourdan Moore, A. J. B. Foster, George W. Martin, J. W. Hanner, sr., J. W. Tarrant, W. H. Johnson, R. G. Irvine, B. F. Jackson, E. J. Allen, E. L. Jones, Garrett W. Martin, T. L. Darnell. 13.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? R. L. Fagan, A. B. Coke, R. T. Nabors, W. H. Anthony, Michael E. Stewart. (the last on trial). 5.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? 48,775.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 787.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2,479.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 467.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 2,897.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 23,123.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$3,600.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$3,451.22. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign Missions, \$11,882.80; Domestic Missions, \$5,797.08. Total, \$15,679.38.

Ques. 30. What are the educational statistics? (See Appendix.)

Ques. 31. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Columbia, Tenn.

Ques. 32. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

R. K. Brown, P. E.

McKendree, J. D. Barbee.
 Elm Street, J. P. McFerrin.
 Tulip Street, W. M. Leftwich; J. B. Hamilton,
 Sup.
 West End and Vanderbilt University, Gross
 Alexander.
 Carroll Street, J. B. West.
 North High Street, George W. Winn.
 Foster Street, J. D. Scott.
 Hobson Chapel, William Burr; W. R. Warren,
 Sup.
 Greenland, G. W. Burnett.
 Woodbine, J. R. Plummer.
 Arlington, T. A. Kerley.
 Hermitage, W. T. Dye.
 Centenary, S. W. Bransford.
 Edneys and Bellevue, to be supplied (by J. H.
 Early).
 Park Avenue, H. C. Tucker.
 Richland Mission, to be supplied (by J. C.
 Stevens).
 City Mission, W. D. F. Sawrie.
 J. B. McFerrin, Book Agent.
 R. A. Young, Missionary Secretary.
 D. C. Kelley, Missionary Treasurer.
 Missionary to Brazil, J. J. Ransom.
 Missionary to China, W. R. Lambuth.
 Centennial Educational Fund, B. F. Haynes,
 Agent.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

W. G. Dorris, P. E.

Murfreesboro Station, A. G. Dinwiddie; G. T.
 Henderson, Sup.
 Stone's River, J. W. Cullom.
 Concord, T. B. Fisher; C. B. Faris, Sup.
 Lebanon Station, J. B. Erwin.
 Lebanon Circuit, B. F. Ferrell; J. J. Ellis,
 Sup.
 Hollandale, L. C. Bryan.
 Cainesville, W. D. Cherry; S. Lassiter, Sup.
 Gallatin Station, J. M. Wright.
 Bethphage and Castalian Springs, J. R. Rea-
 gin.
 Cairo Bend, Jasper Nichols.
 Saundersville and Midway, H. B. Blue.
 Sumner Circuit, J. J. Pittman.
 Pleasant Grove, George M. Sanders.
 Goodlettsville Station, W. W. Graves.
 El Dorado, W. R. Keathley.
 Fountain Head Circuit, J. G. Ray.
 Coats Town Circuit, Alexander Matthews.
 Soule Female College, J. R. Thompson.

CARTHAGE DISTRICT.

B. G. Ferrell, P. E.

Carthage Station, M. N. Ford.
 Alexandria, T. H. Hinson.
 Livingston, H. J. Ivie.
 Goose Creek, J. L. Kellum.
 New Middleton, N. A. Anthony.
 Cookeville, J. M. Patterson.
 Wartrace, W. P. Swindell.
 Lafayette, I. S. Napier.
 Cokesbury, Joseph Webster.

Gainesboro Mission, to be supplied.
 Celina, H. S. Kennedy.
 Birdstown Mission, to be supplied.
 Liberty, J. G. Molloy.
 Woodbury, J. O. Blanton.
 Cumberland, Z. W. Moores.

McMINNVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. Anderson, P. E.

McMinnville Station, H. B. Reams.
 McMinnville Circuit, to be supplied.
 Sparta Station, S. L. Fain; W. N. Moore,
 Sup.
 Sparta Circuit, T. S. Cullom.
 Manchester and Tullahoma, J. C. Putman.
 Smithville, J. T. Blackwood.
 Hickory Valley Circuit, to be supplied.
 Hillsboro, William Doss.
 Beech Grove, D. S. Thompson.
 Short Mountain, J. C. Myers; A. H. Reams,
 Sup.
 Hickory Creek, G. M. McPeak.
 Manchester Circuit, J. J. Pitts.
 Spencer Mission, to be supplied.
 Altamont Mission, to be supplied.
 Tracy City, R. A. Reagan.
 Mont Eagle Mission, G. D. Guinn.
 Coffee Mission, to be supplied.

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. Hughes, P. E.

Shelbyville Station, W. R. Peebles.
 Winchester, J. T. Curry.
 Salem, J. G. Myers.
 Elk River, John F. Beasley.
 Fayetteville Station, A. P. McFerrin, jr.
 Fayetteville Circuit, T. H. Woodward.
 Cornersville and Lewisburg, J. F. Tinnon.
 Petersburg, W. McQueen.
 Lynchburg, S. J. Shasteen.
 Roseville, G. W. Cooke.
 Macedonia, to be supplied.
 Medium and Moore's Chapel, J. P. Funk.
 Rich Valley, S. M. Parks.
 Dryden Mission, B. J. Gaston.
 Lynchburg and Mulberry, J. W. Bell.
 Marble Plains and Bethel, J. W. Massey.
 Graham Springs Mission, to be supplied.
 Wartrace Station, W. H. Wilkes.
 Mt. Moriah, W. T. Haggard.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

T. J. Duncan, P. E.

Columbia Station, W. M. Green.
 Mt. Pleasant Station, J. M. Jourdan.
 Culleoka, W. J. Collier.
 Bigbyville, S. M. Cherry; J. H. Strayhorn,
 Sup.
 Lynnville, Theophilus Lee.
 Forest Grove, W. A. Lusby.
 Diana, G. W. Blanton; A. M. Ezell, Sup.
 Pleasant Valley, N. B. S. Owings.
 Olivet and Pleasant Hill, G. P. Jackson.
 Pulaski Station, W. Weakley; H. L. Booth,
 Sup.
 Mt. Pisgah, R. W. Seay.

Trinity, R. M. Tucker.
 Prospect, J. H. Nichols.
 Richland, G. D. Byrne.
 Elkton, R. R. Jones; W. H. Riggan, Sup.
 Bee Springs and Shiloh, G. S. Byrom.
 Blanche Circuit, to be supplied (by W. J. Brown).
 Culleoka Institute, L. R. Amis.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

J. W. Hill, P. E.

Franklin Station, W. W. Pinson.
 Douglass Circuit, W. B. Lowry.
 Spring Hill, J. E. Harrison.
 College Grove, J. A. McFerrin.
 Chapel Hill, W. A. Turner.
 Brentwood and Johnson, W. H. Doss.
 Bethesda, I. W. Keathley.
 Harpeth Station, R. P. Ransom.
 Pope and Mt. Zion, to be supplied.
 Berlin, W. P. Owen.
 Kedron, R. P. Gray.
 Nolensville, W. T. Rowland.
 Bellbuckle Station, Wellborn Mooney.
 Spring Hill Circuit, A. T. Goodloe.
 Bethlehem and White's, R. E. Travis.
 Unionville Circuit, R. M. Haggard; T. B. Marks, W. M. Shaw, Sup.
 Fernvale Circuit, to be supplied.
 Bedford College, A. T. Crawford.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

P. A. Sowell, P. E.

Savannah Station, L. Powell.
 Swallow Bluff Circuit, J. S. Carl.
 Savannah Mission, to be supplied.
 Pyburn Bluff Mission, to be supplied.
 Bethel, L. Meek.
 Waynesboro, to be supplied.
 Flatwoods Mission, G. W. McBride.
 Linden, J. S. Curtis.
 Lowryville, R. M. Chenault.
 Wayland Springs, J. G. Gibson.
 Lawrenceburg, J. C. Roberts.
 Oakland Mission, J. W. Rooker.
 Laurel Hill Station, J. W. Faires.
 Summertown, J. R. Harris; W. P. Warren, Sup.
 Swan Mission, to be supplied.
 Hampshire and Pisgah, M. J. Mabry.
 Williamsport, J. G. Bolton.

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT.

J. J. Comer, P. E.

Centerville Station, E. K. Denton.
 Centerville Circuit, H. O. Moore.
 Pinewood, to be supplied.
 Santa Fe, B. H. Johnson.
 Liberty Circuit, C. S. Gabard.
 Waverly, J. W. Hensley.
 Standing Rock, H. S. Ledbetter.
 Dover, U. N. M. Berry.
 Erin and Cumberland City, J. K. Lee; J. G. Hinson, Sup.
 White Oak and Danville, James M. Oakley.
 Yellow Creek, W. P. Hickman; W. T. Nesbitt, Sup.
 Dickson Circuit, E. W. White.
 White Bluff Mission, to be supplied.
 McEwen, John N. Handlin.
 Duck River, to be supplied.
 Warner Mission, J. E. Cole.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. A. Orman, P. E.

Clarksville Station, T. L. Moody.
 New Providence and Bethel, R. J. Craig.
 Montgomery, W. Witcher; R. W. Bellamy, R. P. Gannaway, Sup.
 Palmyra, J. B. Anderson.
 Ashland City, O. G. Halliburton.
 Red River, W. A. Leath.
 Springfield, A. R. Faris.
 Cedar Hill, J. G. Rice.
 Port Royal, G. L. Beale.
 Asbury, H. L. McBride; one to be supplied.
 Salem Circuit, C. E. Heriges.
 Antioch, B. M. Stephens.
 Saline, W. G. Hensley.

Josephus Stevan transferred to the St. Louis Conference.

W. E. Caperton transferred to the North-west Texas Conference.

W. H. Hughes transferred to the North Texas Conference.

W. B. Bonnell transferred to the North Georgia Conference.

W. H. Gilbert transferred to the Denver Conference, and appointed to Green Horn Circuit.

J. T. Duncan transferred to the Florida Conference.

Alonzo Monk and W. M. Rippey transferred to the North Alabama Conference.

REPORTS ADOPTED.

I.—CENTENARY.

Your committee, having had under consideration the action of the last session of the Tennessee Conference in regard to female education, as well as the more recent action had by the Nashville District Conference, together with the offer of the owners of the Nashville College for Young Ladies in response to said action of the said District Conference, beg leave to report the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend that an agent of the Tennessee Conference be placed in the field at once to raise the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the purchase of grounds and erection of buildings to be devoted to the Christian and higher education of our daughters.

2. That while engaged in the work of raising this fund the agent shall be further charged with the duty of securing an endowment fund, the interest on which is to be used in conjunction with the institution so established, to lessen the expenses of the education of our traveling preachers.

3. That all funds coming into the hands of the Centenary Committee contributed for education, unless otherwise directed by the donors, be placed in the hands of the trustees appointed by the Annual Conference at its last session, and that said trustees be and are empowered to act for said Conference in the collection, investment, and direction of these funds, subject to the purposes of the Conference as herein expressed.

4. That the offer of the owner of the Nashville College for Young Ladies to turn over said institution to the Tennessee Conference be referred to trustees appointed by the Annual Conference above alluded to, to be disposed of by them as they shall hereafter determine under all the lights and circumstances that may arise.

5. That nothing herein shall be understood or construed to bind the Tennessee Conference for any financial obligations.

WELLBORN MOONEY, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DISTRICTS.		Sunday-school Fund.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Education.	General Fund not yet distributed by Donors.	Total.
Nashville.....	15 charges. Reported 10	\$117 00	\$9,147 15	\$9,950 15	\$2,529 80	\$4,084 50	\$25,828 60
Murfreesboro.....	16 " "	52 85	53 80	843 20	18 15		968 00
Carthage.....	14 " "	4	45	1,169 00	45		1,169 90
McMinnville.....	17 " "	8	92 00	1,564 00	13 00		1,680 60
Shelbyville.....	20 " "	11	45 50	6,253 75	17 00		6,498 25
Columbia.....	18 " "	5	10 05	4,351 00	7 35		4,381 40
Franklin.....	17 " "	9	64 45	4,015 06	152 58		4,349 33
Savannah.....	14 " "	7	61 35	1,423 50	40 00		1,693 95
Centerville.....	16 " "	4	107 85	360 20	2 50		635 55
Clarksville.....	14 " "	6	120 00	634 40	1 20		808 55
Total.....	161	74	\$482 80	\$9,935 54	\$30,564 26	\$2,782 03	\$48,014 13

JOHN F. HUGHES, *Chairman*.

J. D. HAMILTON, *Treasurer*.

II.—MISSIONS.

Amount collected for Foreign Missions this year, \$11,882.80; Domestic Missions, \$3,797.08; total, \$15,679.88.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1884-85.

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Nashville District.....	\$4,629 00	\$1,156 00
Murfreesboro District.....	2,196 75	550 00
Carthage District.....	700 00	182 00
McMinnville District.....	910 00	225 00
Shelbyville District.....	1,414 00	372 00
Columbia District.....	2,196 75	550 00
Savannah District.....	810 00	183 00
Franklin District.....	2,196 75	550 00
Centerville District.....	750 00	182 00
Clarksville District.....	2,196 75	550 00
Total.....	\$18,000 00	\$4,500 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

	Preacher in Charge.	Presiding Elder.
<i>Nashville District</i> —City Mission.....	\$200	
Richland Mission	100	
<i>Carthage District</i> —Birdstown Mission	125	\$150
Gainesboro Mission	125	150
<i>McMinnville District</i> —Spencer Mission.....	125	75
Altamont Mission	125	75
Mont Eagle Mission.....	150	75
Coffee Mission.....	125	75
<i>Shelbyville District</i> —Dryden Mission.....	125	100
Graham Springs Mission.....	100	100
<i>Columbia District</i> —Elkmont Mission.....	200	
<i>Savannah District</i> —Swan Mission.....	150	60
Oakland Mission	150	60
Flatwoods Mission.....	150	60
Savannah Mission.....	125	60
Pyburn's Bluff Mission	150	60
<i>Centerville District</i> —White Bluff Mission.....	125	150
Warner Mission.....	150	150

The following resolution was offered by the Board and accepted by the Conference:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of Tennessee Conference is hereby instructed not to recognize any receipts of the presiding elders or Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board that may be given hereafter, and that no preacher will be allowed credit on his books except for cash or Conference Treasurer's receipt inclosed.

RIO GIRLS' COLLEGE.

Pro rata of \$50,000 for Rio Girls' College falling to the Woman's Mission Society of the Tennessee Conference, distributed according to districts:

Nashville	\$483 90	Savannah	\$ 95 70
Murfreesboro.....	215 90	Franklin.....	240 70
Carthage.....	84 70	Centerville	68 20
McMinnville	95 70	Clarksville.....	226 95
Shelbyville.....	147 85		
Columbia	226 70	Total.....	\$1,886 30
Paid.....			653 75
Balance.....			\$1,232 55

WELLBORN MOONEY, *Secretary*.

J. A. ORMAN, *President*.

III.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

We are glad to report better collections during the present Conference-year than the year before. Some few charges have made no reports, some have taken no collections, while others have appropriated their assessments and more in repairing and building churches and parsonages. The appropriations heretofore made to the churches at Guthrie, Fern Vale, and Birdstown have been paid.

Since the last session of the Conference we have appropriated and paid one hundred and fifty dollars to the church at Woodbury, Cannon county, Carthage District.

We rejoice to hear such good reports as have come up from these respective charges. They have all declared a dividend.

A vacancy having occurred in the Board since last Conference by the removal of Mitchell Trotter from the State, we recommend that William H. Plant, of Hustburgh, Tennessee, Centerville District, be appointed in his stead.

During the session of this Conference we have had quite a number of applications for aid before us, and regret exceedingly that we could not grant all of them.

We beg to report that we have, however, made the following appropriations, payable when certain conditions have been complied with and the proper papers arranged, viz.:

North High Street, Nashville District.....	\$ 500
Tullahoma, McMinnville District.....	300
Lawrenceburg, Savannah District.....	250
Centenary Church, Nashville District.....	50
Church near Williamsport, Greenfield's Bend, Maury county, Savannah District,	50
Total.....	\$1,150

The title to the latter church is in a gentleman who proposes to deed it, with about three acres of land, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on condition that it be completed. The property is represented to be worth eight hundred dollars. Other applications are held over for further information and future action.

We urgently request presiding elders and preachers to carefully look into the titles of churches and parsonages. Forms for deeds will be furnished on application to the Secretary, as well as printed forms for aid.

You are respectfully referred to the report of the Treasurer for a full statement of the collections and disbursements made by the Board since our last report.

Assessments upon the Conference by the Parent Board for the Conference-year 1884-5..... \$4,500 00

Apportioned to the districts as follows:

Nashville District	\$910 00
Murfreesboro District.....	566 25
Carthage District.....	240 00
McMinnville District.....	225 00
Shelbyville District.....	460 00
Columbia District.....	566 25
Franklin District	566 25
Savannah District.....	200 00
Centerville District.....	200 00
Clarksville District.....	566 25—\$4,500 00

T. P. WEAKLEY, *Secretary*.

W. BURR, *President*.

IV.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to say that there has been great improvement in the manner and style of reports; but there is still great room for improvement—for instance, we received two reports which had neither name of pastor, charge, district, nor any thing else by which we might know from whence they came or to whom they belonged. A few have not reported at all; and in this way we account for the falling off in Sunday-school scholars and literature. There is, however, one redeeming feature in the case, and that is a marked increase in the amount of money raised, it being nearly double what it was last year.

Your committee are afraid, from the showing of the reports, that some of our schools are failing to use our own literature—for instance, they report money expended and no literature taken. Now, we would say with emphasis that the literature published at the Methodist Publishing House, in the city of Nashville, and under the supervision of Dr. Cunningham and Bro. Lyons, is not surpassed by any other literature in the land; and we would respectfully urge upon the brethren to use every endeavor to place our own Sunday-school literature in the hands of our own Sunday-school scholars. Better have the mortar well tempered in the beginning; after awhile the untempered, if at all.

While it is a source of regret that our Publishing House has not been able heretofore to issue a larger number of books suitable for Sunday-school libraries, we are gratified to know that plans are now on foot to supply our Sunday-schools with a full catalogue of such books as will not only please, profit, and develop in our children a fondness for reading, but will also meet the demands of this progressive age.

We are glad to note the fact that our Church is waking up more and more every year to the necessity of the salvation of the children, and that even *little children* are being brought to Christ and his blessings are being showered upon them. Surely, "out of the mouths of babes and sucklings the Lord has perfected praise."

The report of Bro. R. E. Travis, Sunday-school Agent, having been referred to our Board, was read and approved, it being full and complete in all its parts.

1. *Resolved*, That the Sunday-school Board would respectfully call the attention of the Conference to the recommendation of the Discipline, "that a Sunday-school Conference be held in each presiding elder's district, either during the session of the District Conference or at some other time during the Conference-year."

2. That we urge our preachers to make diligent effort, in pastoral visitation, in their contact with families and individuals, to arouse among them a thorough interest in the Sunday-school work.

3. That in the opinion of the Sunday-school Board it is inexpedient for the Conference to ask or the appointment of a Sunday-school Agent the ensuing Conference-year.

S. E. H. DANCE, *Chairman pro tem.*

RUFUS E. TRAVIS, *Secretary.*

V.—BIBLE CAUSE.

We rejoice that so much is now being done to circulate the Holy Scriptures in pure, cheap, and durable style by the American Bible Society, the issues of which the past year amount to nearly two million copies of Bibles, Testaments, and portions. Over a half million copies were circulated in foreign lands. More than sixty thousand copies were sent into Tennessee, forty-four thousand six hundred and ninety-two copies of which were a donation, and only fifteen thousand six hundred and eighty-two copies were paid for, or just a little more than one-fourth the total number sent into the State by the Bible House.

In the fourth general supply in the United States over one million families have already been visited, and one hundred and fifty thousand one hundred and fifty-two families were found without the Word of God, two-thirds of whom have been supplied. Forty colporteurs have been employed in this work in Tennessee, who have already completed the canvass of twenty-three counties, and twenty-one counties in part. In these forty-four counties seventy thousand four hundred and ninety-six families were visited. Twelve thousand seven hundred and forty-seven were found destitute of any portion of the Bible. Ten thousand four hundred and eight of these families have been furnished. Nearly two-thirds of the destitute in Tennessee are white families.

We are always glad to welcome to our Conference and charges the Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Savage, the efficient Superintendent of the American Bible Society in Kentucky and Tennessee, and should give him hearty coöperation in his great work. But we regret to learn through him that the "responses to the appeal of the Society to the people of the United States for aid in the general supply of the Scriptures has not been as generous and general as was anticipated." The managers fear that "unless the cause is more generally and pressingly presented in the churches, and the friends of the Society respond more liberally to its claims, the time is near when the work, both at home and abroad, must be greatly curtailed. Never was there a more general demand for the Scriptures in our land; never were the nations of the earth stretching forth their hands so eagerly for the Word of Life; never was the Society more thoroughly equipped for its work and prosecuting it more vigorously. The work done at home and abroad during the past year makes a most cogent appeal for more generous and liberal contributions." In consideration of the great work which the American Bible Society is doing to furnish the world with the Word of God, and what has already been done for Tennessee by the Society in liberal donations; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we will encourage the establishing of depositories in the various counties, and aid the colporteurs in their good work of supplying the people with the Scriptures.

2. That our pastors also be urged to supply the destitute of their charges with God's Word, either from the local depositories or from our Publishing House.

S. M. CHERRY, *Secretary.*

VI.—EDUCATION.

Our people seem to be alive to the great responsibility of educating their children. They are multiplying their facilities for this. We have reason to be proud of our schools, though we are not doing as much as we might. Teaching is now done more thoroughly and more successfully

than formerly, because of improved methods. Text-books, too, are vastly better than a score of years ago, so that the rising generation has many advantages for mental training.

The Nashville College for Young Ladies closed its last session with an aggregate of two hundred and nine pupils, of whom twenty received diplomas. The enrollment of the current year has reached one hundred and eighty-seven, the largest number yet attained so early. The boarding department numbers eighty. The accomplished President has a faculty of sixteen competent teachers; besides, pupils have access to Vanderbilt University. The report says: "By official action of Vanderbilt Board of Trust, this institution enjoys the exclusive privilege of sending pupils to the lecture-rooms of the University, and to the cabinets, museum, and library of the same, without fees or without cost to the matriculates of the Nashville College for Young Ladies. During the past year, several professors of the Vanderbilt University have lectured in the College to the young ladies, with the use of apparatus and cabinets." The report claims that "these advantages are in addition to the regular text-book training which our pupils receive from our own teacher in science. This association with the University enables us to claim with confidence that our facilities are now equal to those of the best colleges for young ladies in the Union." The religious tone is healthful, the pupils being formed into a Sunday-school and trained in the Sunday-school literature published by our Publishing House at Nashville. They also keep up among themselves an active missionary society. We can safely commend this institution.

Soule Female College, located at Murfreesboro, is under the charge of Rev. John R. Thompson. He reports his enrollment for the current year over eighty. He reports a gracious revival during the past session, in which about thirty of his pupils were happily converted. The President of Soule Female College is a trained and faithful teacher, and with his competent assistants is ready to do good work.

Culleoka Institute numbers one hundred and sixty-one pupils. It is under the charge of W. R. and J. M. Webb, assisted by Rev. L. R. Amis. This Institute is maintaining its high reputation, and is unusually prosperous this year, having refused fifty applicants. While this school enjoys and deserves a very high reputation for literary training, it is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Christianity. Literature and religion go hand in hand here. The young men have a Young Men's Christian Association fully organized, and quite a number of them pray in public. We commend this Institute most heartily.

Martin Female College, located at Pulaski, is under the presidency of Prof. J. L. Armstrong. It has a permanent endowment of \$30,000, the interest on which continues to be promptly paid. Owing to the lateness of the change in the presidency, and uncertainty attending such a change, the attendance has not been so large as heretofore; but the trustees feel confident of success under the new management.

Bedford College, at Bellbuckle, is under the charge of Rev. A. T. Crawford, a teacher of solid culture and large experience, with six competent teachers. The large and commodious building has been enlarged during the past year, and furnished with improved students' desks. The number at present is one hundred and fifty-five, of which most are boarders. The music department numbers forty-two. The prospects of this institution are brighter than ever before. The religious *status* is very gratifying. We were present at the opening exercises of this institution, and were much pleased with what we saw and heard.

The Tennessee Female College, located at Franklin, is under the charge of Mrs. M. E. Clark, assisted by a carefully selected corps of competent teachers. The house is large and elegant, and the grounds are beautiful. The attendance is large, and the boarding department is full.

Vanderbilt University, with its beautiful grounds, its magnificent buildings, its ample supply of apparatus and appliances, with its many well-equipped departments, offers all that could be desired for a university education. The superior advantages of this great institution are too well known for us to dwell longer on them. The present year is one of great promise, with a large increase over this date of last year.

In view of these facts:

Resolved, That we have reason to rejoice in the character and prosperity of our schools, and that we can safely recommend them to the patronage of our people.

J. M. WRIGHT, *Chairman*.

VII.—BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

From the tabulated statement submitted herewith without reading we would note the following facts:

1. There has been a decrease during the past year in the total amount of books sold of \$274.52.
2. The *Christian Advocate* subscriptions have increased by one hundred and thirty-one.
3. There has been a decrease of two hundred and fifty-eight in the number of other Church papers taken; but,
4. An increase of sixty-five in the number of periodicals.

In the judgment of your committee our Church is not doing its duty in the circulation and in the reading of our books and periodicals. The Publishing House, in its book department under the able and efficient control of the Book Editor, is constantly furnishing us with books of the highest moral and literary merit—books suited to all ages and classes of our people. And while we are grateful for the work already accomplished in this sale and distribution, we regret profoundly to note for the past year a decrease in the sale of books; and we are impelled to call upon our preachers to urge more importunately upon the attention of our people their duty in supplying their homes with our publications.

We commend most cordially to the Church the new History of Methodism by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, not only for its intrinsic literary value and the well-known competency of its author to treat justly and exhaustively his subject, but also because it is a history of Methodism. Our people should know well our origin and progress, our doctrines and discipline, our triumphs and our errors, and they will find in the work referred to all needed information concerning Methodist history. We have not space to mention numerous other works well worthy special attention, and particularize this work believing our people are perhaps more at fault here than in many other branches of reading. A Churchman should know thoroughly his Church history.

Your committee's attention has been especially called to the lists of cheap shelf-worn books on sale at the House. It is a marvel and a humiliation that these books can remain one week upon the shelves after they have been advertised. Thousands of Methodist houses are suffering for their presence whose limited means preclude the acquisition of books at the usual prices. These volumes—many of them among the very best works—can be had for a trifle. Were each pastor to devote one day in his charge visiting and informing his people of their character and price, the shelves could be emptied of them in one day, and not a pastor in the Conference would or could spend a day in the Conference-year with more mental and spiritual profit to his people.

We have had referred for our consideration and have examined with satisfaction the last annual report of the condition of our Publishing House, and congratulate the Agent and Manager and the Church upon the continued prosperity of this institution, and its favorable prospect for early deliverance from a heavy and historic debt.

We commend to the esteem and increased patronage of the Church the *Quarterly Review*, the *Advocate of Missions*, the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and our Sunday-school literature. These publications, under the competent direction of their respective editors, though extensively read and used, merit a much wider circulation, and are potent forces for good in their respective fields.

The *Christian Advocate*, Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D.D., Editor (price \$2 a year in advance), we are gratified to record, moves grandly on in its work—a *religious family newspaper* of the very highest order, excelled by none, and deservedly nearer and dearer to the Tennessee Conference heart than any and all others. In its weekly visitations it is welcomed as the great connectional bond of our common Methodism. Your committee would respectfully submit that the editor's coveted figure of thirty thousand subscribers is assuredly a very unpretentious request, and the opinion is herewith expressed that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will never have approximated cleverly her duty till the *Christian Advocate* is supported by a cash yearly subscription list of fifty thousand.

It is true that the purity of the home is the safeguard of nations, but it is equally true of the Church. No Church is wise or strong, or true to itself or its Lord, which is deficient in home culture and family religion. Great complaint is heard of worldliness among our children, and oftentimes this worldliness of taste and spirit and habit grows into grosser forms of sin and crime. Many a Christian home has thus had shadows deep and dark drawn over its sanctity, and gray

hairs in sorrow brought to bitter graves. In many cases, for the cause you must go back to the cradle-life of these children and come up; and you will too often find that the children in the formation of their taste and habit for reading had no oversight or direction, and none in the choice of the books they read. An historian, in tracing the causes of the disintegration and final overthrow of a mighty commonwealth, condescends to note the laxity of parental oversight of the education of their children and their relegating this high and holy trust to other and incompetent hands; but in this condescension the author shows most conspicuously the philosopher. Parents sometimes think they have done well and enough in sending their children to school, but it is their religious duty to select or have selected for them from time to time books of a proper kind, and to encourage and train their children to read them. These truths should come home to us with tremendous force in this age when the agents and disseminators of corrupt cheap literature are so active and ceaseless in their nefarious work. No home, no son, no daughter of our beloved Church is secure against this insidious venom save as we exercise similar diligence in the use of counteractive forces found in the books and periodicals which are now placed within the easy reach of all by their abundance and cheapness.

From the foregoing facts and views your committee beg most respectfully to submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of the preachers of our Conference to render all the aid in their power in the sale and circulation of our books and periodicals, and that they be hereby requested to bring *directly* before their people, in their pulpit ministrations and private visitations among them, the peril of parental neglect of fostering proper reading among the young, and the urgency of ceaseless vigilance in shielding them from the vicious literature of the age and supplying them with pure, elevating reading, such as emanates from our Publishing House.
2. That we recognize in the *Christian Advocate* one of the mightiest agencies in the accomplishment of this desired result, and that we will endeavor, during the present Conference-year, to place a copy in every Methodist family within the bounds of the Tennessee Conference.

B. F. HAYNES, *Chairman*.

VIII.—TEMPERANCE.

Whereas we have beheld with pleasure the rapid growth of a strong and healthy temperance sentiment throughout our country, and do rejoice in all just means being devised and used for lessening the deadly effect of the monster evil intemperance; and whereas we regard the Church as legitimately the leader of every moral reform; and whereas we, as Methodists, are, by the requirements of the Word of God, the declarations of the Discipline, the teachings of John Wesley, and the history of our Church, pledged to the practice and support of temperance; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we will strictly enforce the rule which forbids "drunkenness or *drinking* spirituous liquors, unless in cases of necessity," and the law which requires our preachers and members to "abstain from the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage," and that we will preach on the subject faithfully in all our charges.

2. That we believe it to be the duty of every Methodist to use all righteous means in the reach of a Christian citizen for the suppression of the great evil of intemperance in our midst.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD K. DENTON, *Secretary*.

R. R. JONES, *Chairman*.

IX.—DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Nashville District.—It is doubtful what pastors, local preachers, or other clerical members were present each day. On page 215 occurs the following: "Dr. D. C. Kelley read and, on motion, had the following paper referred to the Centenary Committee." The said paper does not appear in the record, and is not afterward alluded to. Again: Following the motion of Dr. Kelley, alluded to above, is a list of the charges with a remark opposite each, "Reported by," etc., but there is no caption or note preceding or following the same showing why such a call was made. The minutes of the afternoon session of the first day fail to state that devotional exercises were conducted. We note the same omission in the minutes of the afternoon session of the second day. On page 219 appears the following: "The Bishop addressed the Conference on this, and made some valuable suggestions." Also, "Dr. Leftwich moved that a committee of five be appointed to consider the question of a memorial to the Annual Conference on the subject." The record leaves us in doubt as to what these subjects were. Otherwise, this is a well-kept Journal.

Murfreesboro District.—"Tennessee Annual Conference" and "Methodist Episcopal

Church, South," are omitted in the heading of the record. The minutes also fail to state who was presiding, and what was the official relation of members. The minutes of the afternoon session of the second day fail to state that the minutes of the morning session were read and approved. This record fails to show who are delegates to the Annual Conference, or that any were elected. The ink used in a part of this record is so pale that the writing is scarcely legible, and the matter is closely jammed together. There are no marginal notes, which, we think, if omitted makes a blind record.

Carthage District.—The name "Methodist Episcopal Church, South," is omitted in the heading of the record. There are no marginal notes. Otherwise, this Journal is well kept.

McMinnville District.—The word "appointment" is used when the word "charges" is intended. The following also appears: "Moved and seconded that Dr. C. S. Roscoe be placed on the Committee on Missions in place of J. T. Kelton, absent." No record is made of the motion being carried. The minutes are not signed by either the President or Secretary.

Columbia District.—"Tennessee Annual Conference" and "Methodist Episcopal Church, South," are omitted in the heading. This record states simply that the roll was called, but no entry is made until the proceedings of the following day are recorded. The minutes of the afternoon session of the first day fail to state who was in the chair. There are no marginal references. A complete list of the Conference is given, but it does not appear who was present or absent.

Franklin District.—This is a neat Journal, and perfectly kept. There is no omission, and nothing ambiguous. The Secretary does not presume on the knowledge of the reader.

Centerville District.—The minutes of the second day state "that the roll was reviewed and corrected," but does not state how. The minutes of the afternoon session of the second day fail to state who was in the chair. The word "received" is used when the word "adopted" is intended. There are no marginal references.

Clarksville District.—The minutes show that T. L. Moody was relieved from a certain committee, but fails to show that he was a member of the committee. With this exception, this is a neat and well-kept Journal. The marginal notes are full and complete, and all the facts are clearly given.

The Savannah and Shelbyville districts did not place their records before the committee.

We suggest, in a general way, that slang words should not be used, as they do not comport with the dignity of a Church record. There is not much of this; but why should there be any?

The signature of the President should not be written on a small slip of paper and pasted to the record, as in the records of the Columbia and Franklin districts.

We suggest that the Southern Methodist Publishing House should furnish record-books two or three inches broader than those now in use, because a secretary cannot do himself justice in the use of the present book.

We object to the report of a visiting brother being spread upon the minutes, as in the case of an itemized report of the American Bible Society entered in the record of the Centerville District, unless the brother is representing some connectional interest of the Church.

We have this to say which is pleasant: Most of the records have been beautifully kept as to neatness and penmanship, and they are accurate far beyond what we anticipated.

WM. M. GREEN, *Chairman.*

W. L. MELVIN, *Secretary.*

X.—MEMOIRS.

ROBERTSON L. FAGAN, the son of Robert Fagan, a local preacher, was born in Rutherford county, Tenn., January 22, 1823. He married in early life, and professed faith in Christ in 1847. He was impressed with the belief that he was called to preach; but his early educational advantages were limited, and, besides, he had a family, was engaged in business, and found it difficult to wind his temporal matters to a close without pecuniary loss and financial embarrassment; but by the aid of friends he adjusted all his temporal affairs, was licensed to preach in 1850, and in the fall of 1851 was admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference. From that time forward he was one of the most zealous, faithful, and successful members of the body. He traveled the Short Mountain, Cumberland, Dickson, Asbury, Montgomery, Stone's River, Prospect, Pisgah, Trinity, and Lynnville circuits, and the Centerville District, as presiding elder. In many of these fields he remained three or four years consecutively, and witnessed gracious revivals in every charge; indeed, he brought thousands into the Church. Everywhere the Master was with him, and he showed himself wise in winning souls. His last appointment was Pleasant Valley Circuit, in the Columbia District. He was of ardent temperament, indomitable will, and commanding faith. He never thought of failure, but victory was always inscribed upon his banner. He was twice married. His first wife was the mother of his only son, Rev. F. F. Fagan, who died a few years ago a member of this Conference. As a preacher, Brother Fagan was brief, pointed, spiritual, without much method, but always aiming at present success. In his social qualities he was remarkable, gaining the confidence and love of all who knew him. His tall and striking person, his grave and thoughtful face, his clear but dreamy eye, and the gleam of sunshine which lit up his countenance when holding sweet intercourse with friends, all went to attract and impress every person who came in contact with him. He was not a man of half measures. He entertained no jealousy of any man, and was free of the spirit of detraction. It gave him great pain to see a fellow-man degraded, hence it was the aim of his life to elevate the fallen. Men whose lives were black with every sort of wickedness, and unredeemed by a single virtue, were sought out by him and

encouraged to lead a better life. While many pitied and compassionated the depraved and fallen, he loved them. He honestly desired the happiness and prosperity of all men. His power over men seemed to be almost magical. It seems he was sent on earth, like a ministering angel, with some high commission of peace and reconciliation. He was a peace-maker, and is said to have been one of the most influential men in Giles county, where he lived for several years as pastor. His last sickness was brief lasting only one week. He died of pneumonia, at his home in Pulaski, Saturday morning, February 2, aged 61 years and 11 days. He only wanted to live that he might preach more earnestly Jesus and the resurrection. He was happy and triumphant in view of his change, and when questioned as to the foundation on which he was resting, replied in very positive and unmistakable language. As the hopes of continued life faded away, the light of immortality gleamed upon his latter hours with the assurance of peace and eternal joy. It cheers us to know that in the death-valley through which his ready soul was called to pass God gave him power to whisper, in tones of tenderness and faith, his hopes of soon entering into the opening glories of the immortal life. The end was at hand. The wanderings of time were over. Eternity's glories were breaking around. The dying Christian spoke out in full and even triumphant accent: "My trust is in the Lord who made the heavens and the earth. 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' 'And I will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.'" The pulse throbbed its last beat, and the spirit flew to its God and immortal destiny; and thus he died with the word of God on his lips. He was buried Sunday afternoon, February 3, the funeral-service having been performed by his presiding elder, Rev. T. J. Duncan, and Rev. W. Weakley, when he was laid away beside the remains of his son. Thus has passed away a good man and faithful preacher, after more than thirty years' toil in the work of the Master. Many will mourn his loss, but all will rejoice in the salvation of one who strove to save so many others. Many will call him blessed in the last day. Of all the dead whose obsequies this Conference has paused to solemnize, we recall no one whose

decease has left a vacuum in so many hearts, and whose life was so rich in prophecy of eternal life as that of Robertson L. Fagan.

ROBERT T. NABORS was born in Shelby county, Alabama, about the year 1851, and died in Nashville, Tennessee, April 1st, 1884. At a very early age, under the ministry of Rev. L. M. Wilson, he was happily converted, and while quite a youth felt called of God to spread the gospel, and was accordingly licensed. Soon after his entrance upon the work of the ministry, he was called to fill as a supply Wetumpka Station, which from some cause had become vacant. His education at this time was deficient, but it was apparent to discerning eyes that he possessed elements which, under proper training, would make him useful and eminent. Under the urgent solicitation of that eminent man of God, the now sainted Dr. Jefferson Hamilton, he consented to attend school. He did not disappoint the expectations of his friend and adviser, for his time was diligently employed, and his progress was very rapid. There was no student in all the college, who for scholarship, elocution, and good conduct, stood higher; so that when he graduated he went forth as one of the most promising young preachers in the South. After his graduation, he was sent as a supply to St. James, Galveston, expecting to return to Alabama at the close of the year; but he had so won the hearts of the people by his genial nature and wonderful powers of eloquence, that the Bishop thought it best to keep him there. So he joined the Texas Conference, and after two years in Galveston and four in Houston, he returned to Alabama, and was stationed four years in Tuscaloosa. His next appointment was West End Church and chaplaincy of Vanderbilt University. Here he found a fine field for his talents, and here he ended his useful and brilliant life. It is seldom that the Church is called to mourn the loss or chronicle the death of so remarkable a young man. He was no erratic genius, flashing like a meteor that gives only a transient light and departing leaves no trace behind it, but was a star of the first magnitude, shining with steady and increasing luster. He magnified his office as a minister of Christ. He felt himself a debtor both to the wise and to the unwise, so that the most ignorant as well as the most cultured were charmed by his eloquence and edified by his ministry. There was in him a beautiful blending of the powers of heart and mind. He was

as gentle and amiable as a woman, and as strong as a giant in his intellectual grasp. He might be appropriately called the Summerfield of the modern pulpit. A truer man never lived. No interest of the Church ever suffered in his hands. We shall not soon look upon his like again; and while we mourn his early death, let us thank God that he was given to the Church even for so short a time.

ABRAHAM B. COKE was born in Montgomery county, Tenn., September, 1823; was twice married; died November 27, 1883. He was genuinely converted in early manhood, and joined the Methodist Church, and was a consistent member of the same for forty years. He was licensed to preach soon after his conversion. He was admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference in fall of 1849. Two years thereafter he was received into full connection. October 16, 1853, he was ordained elder by Bishop Capers. For twenty-six years Brother Coke was a faithful and efficient itinerant. He cheerfully went to whatever appointment was assigned him. He felt it an honor to preach Christ anywhere. He had many seals to his ministry—won many souls to Christ that will shine as stars in his crown of rejoicing. He was a man of good understanding. He loved and studied his Bible much, and out of the knowledge of divine things thus acquired he evolved his sermons. His preaching was earnest, plain, and practical. Having a personal knowledge of sins forgiven, he came before his congregations with a glad heart and a happy experience, and testified that Jesus hath power on earth to forgive sins. His life was pure, and his character blameless and above reproach. None had aught against him. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was ever true to his convictions of duty. As husband, father, citizen, Christian, preacher, he was conscientious, and endeavored to do his duty. His life was that of the sun, "shining brighter and brighter unto the perfect day;" and its setting was without a cloud. The disease that carried him to his grave was several months doing its work, and during that time his pastor visited him often, and always found him calmly waiting his call home. His faith was strong, his sky clear, his hope sure, and his peace flowed as a river. He was ready all the while. He had no fears. For seven or eight years before his death he bore a supernumerary relation to the Conference. It was his

earnest desire to be effective once more that he might preach the everlasting gospel, but he was resigned. His labor is over; he has entered into rest. He leaves a widow and a son to mourn his death.

W. H. ANTHONY was born August 6, 1819; was married to Elizabeth Pollock October 1, 1837; embraced religion July 29, 1838, and joined the Methodist Church the following day; was licensed to preach about the year 1851; joined the Tennessee Conference in 1856. He was reared by plain German parents, and by them was trained to active and industrious habits, which characterized his labors in the ministry, and crowned with success an itinerant life of more than twenty years. About three hundred persons were converted on the Bedford Circuit under his ministry. As a preacher he was clear and sound in doctrine, plain and pointed in style—not pandering to the fastidious nor yielding to the heterodox. He was decided in his moral convictions, and uncompromising in a principle of right. His religious sentiment was of that strong type peculiar to the German, and his zeal for the Church was untiring. He loved the Church, and was never so happy as when laboring to advance her interests. Some of his work was hard, requiring long rides, and rendering but small remuneration; yet he was never known to complain of hard work. But failure of health subjected him to a supernumerary relation for some years, and finally he superannuated, in which relation he died. He reared several sons to industry and honor, and lived to see them all useful members of the Church. One of them, Rev. N. A. Anthony, is an efficient member of the Tennessee Conference. His devoted widow is disconsolate, but she will soon overtake him. His last afflictions were painful and protracted; but the Master extended mercy, and on the first day of May, 1884, he “fell on’sleep.” “Servant of God, well done.”

M. S. STEWART was born in Nashville, Tenn.; was about twenty-two years old when he died. He was converted when quite young, and was licensed to preach at the age of fifteen years. He attended school at Vanderbilt University for several years. In October, 1881, he was admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference, and was appointed to Wartrace and Mt. Moriah charge, Shelbyville District, which appoint-

ment he filled with great acceptability for nine months, when he was disabled by sickness, from which he never fully recovered. In this charge he won the admiration and love of all the people. He did faithful work. After recovering in a measure from the shock of disease, he went to his home near Nashville, and remained for several months under the care and attention of a loving mother and devoted sisters and brother. From thence he went to Colorado, thinking there to regain his health; and he recovered sufficiently to be able to preach a few times. He wrote letters to his friends in Tennessee expressive of his great joy and satisfaction at being enabled again to preach the gospel of salvation. After a brief convalescence, he was again violently attacked by the dread disease—consumption—and lingered only a short time, having several severe hemorrhages, and died in great peace at Brother McClure’s, in Denver, Colorado, June 2, 1884. He was a young man of great promise, having rather extraordinary preaching ability, and being very fully consecrated to God and his service. He was of a kind and loving disposition, which made him very acceptable as a pastor. He believed much in prayer, and felt much the necessity for the Holy Ghost in his ministry. During his brief ministry, he assisted in a number of protracted meetings, and was effective in leading a great many to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

The following is the action of the preachers of the Nashville District in reference to his death:

The Rev. M. S. Stewart, a member of the Tennessee Conference, died in Denver, Colorado, June 2, 1884. He was a young man of fine ability and of great promise. Intelligent, devout, and fully consecrated to the work to which he had been called, his future was full of hope. He filled several appointments in this Conference with great acceptability and usefulness; but in the midst of life death struck him, and ended at once the hopes and labors of earth. And he died as he lived—in peace with God and man, and with good hope of a glorious immortality. As a testimony of our appreciation of our dear departed brother, therefore, be it

1. *Resolved*, That, mourning his untimely death, we will cherish his memory and hold his virtues in grateful remembrance.

2. That we acknowledge our gratitude to God for the grace that sustained him in his

long affliction, and that gave him the triumph of faith in the final hour.

JOHN G. WILSON, D.D.—Whereas the sad intelligence of the death of John G. Wilson, of the St. Louis Conference, has recently been communicated to us; and whereas he was for many years an honored and worthy member of the Tennessee Annual Conference, and one who stood deservedly high in the esteem and affections of his brethren of this Conference as a man of scholarly attainments, and as a high-toned Christian gentleman; therefore,

Resolved, That it is with very deep regret that we have learned of the death of this great and good man; that we will cherish with mournful pleasure the name of Rev. John G. Wilson, D.D., and by the grace of God we will emulate his pious example; that we extend to his stricken family our warmest sympathy in their bereavement, and we cherish with them the fond hope of meeting him beyond the stars.

BISHOP GEORGE F. PIERCE, D.D.—On September 3, 1884, this great preacher ceased from his labors and entered into his rest. He was an extraordinary man, possessing great talent, excellent culture, and wonderful oratorical powers. He was the son of an eminent minister in the Church, the Rev. Lovick Pierce, D.D., who preceded his son only a few years to the home of the good. Bishop Pierce was converted while young; entered the ministry at an early age, and continued to work without abatement for more than fifty years, and at last died having on the ministerial armor, and at once exchanged the struggles and conflicts of the battle-field for a crown of glory—the reward of the faithful who continue steadfast to the end. Bishop Pierce, in person, in manners, in ministerial qualifications, enjoyed a reputation which falls to the lot of but few men. He was a preacher of national reputation, and in the front rank of eminent preachers of the gospel. He was greatly beloved, very popular, everywhere courted, at every place in demand; and yet he continued to be the humble, faithful, diligent minister and Bishop of the Church to which he was greatly devoted. He was ordained Bishop in 1854, with Bishop Kavanaugh. They died the same year, and both alike have left pure and bright examples to those who may follow. Bishop Pierce, by appointment, was to have presided over this Con-

ference, but the great Head of the Church, who doeth all things in kindness, saw proper to remove him before the day of our meeting; and while we go forward, and transact the business of the Church, he has joined that happy company that has gone before him to “the rest that remains to the people of God.” All in all—as a man, as a Christian, as a preacher, and as a Bishop—we think that he had, perhaps, no superior. We bow submissively to the providence of God, and rejoice that, notwithstanding the workmen die, God carries on the work. Peace to the memory of our beloved and departed Bishop.

BISHOP HUBBARD H. KAVANAUGH, D.D.—This distinguished minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was a native Kentuckian, born in Clarke county January 14, 1802. He was brought up by a pious mother and Christian father; was converted November 3, 1817, and in 1822, before he was fully grown to manhood, entered the itinerant ministry, and continued in that loved employment until March 19, 1884, when he died in Columbus, Miss., having passed his fourscore years, and more than sixty years in the ministry. He was an active Bishop of the Church for thirty years, having been ordained in Columbus, Ga., in May, 1854. He was a man of spotless character, wholly consecrated to the work of the ministry. He was an able and eloquent preacher of the gospel, a careful officer in the Church, and as one of our Bishops exercised the functions of his office with fidelity and good acceptance. He loved the Church of his early choice, and devoted a long life to the service of God. He left a bright and beautiful example of Christian character. Not a stain or a blot ever shaded his spotless life. Having finished his work, he died in the faith, and has gone to receive his reward. Truly a great light has ceased to shine in the Church; and yet as the setting sun throws back his golden rays, illuminating the horizon, so his example continues with the Church, and will exercise an influence for good on coming generations. We record his name upon the journal of our Conference as one of our chief under-shepherds who belonged to the whole Connection, and was greatly loved, and is lamented by his brethren of the Tennessee Conference. We put this tribute on record as a memento of our love for the esteemed and departed Bishop.

XI.—JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

REPORT NO. 1.

Amount necessary for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, \$3,600.

Amount collected by preachers, \$3,150.22; amount of interest received on the Elliston Fund by Dr. W. H. Morgan, Treasurer, \$215.10; amount of interest received from Colvin Estate by J. B. McFerrin, \$36; amount received from D. T. Stratton, Tulip Street centenary offering, \$50; total, \$3,451.22; deficit, \$148.78. Applied as follows:

John W. Tarrant.....	\$175 00	Mrs. F. F. Fagan.....	\$225 00
A. J. B. Foster.....	150 00	Mrs. Isaac Milner	100 00
Jordan Moore.....	150 00	R. G. Irvine	180 00
E. J. Allen.....	125 00	Mrs. Benjamin Gaut.....	85 00
Mrs. Wm. Mullins.....	100 00	Mrs. A. F. Lawrence.....	125 00
Mrs. Allen Tribble	150 00	Mrs. J. F. Tinnon	25 00
Mrs. F. S. Petway	300 00	George W. Martin.....	75 00
Mrs. Thos. W. Randle.....	125 00	Mrs. T. F. Brown.....	125 00
Mrs. F. E. Pitts	100 00	Mrs. Stith H. Andrews.....	75 00
Mrs. Wm. Randle	25 00	Magness Lawrence.....	30 00
Mrs. A. J. Ford	100 00	D. H. Merryman	230 00
Mrs. John McCurdy.....	50 00	Mrs. W. H. Anthony.....	91 22
Mrs. Mark W. Gray.....	85 00	Mrs. S. T. Whitten.....	50 00
Mrs. Sion Record	100 00	Mrs. D. H. Jones.....	50 00
Mrs. Wm. B. Woodward	200 00	W. H. Johnson.....	50 00

REPORT NO. 2.

Amount assessed for the support of the Bishops \$1,800 00

Amount collected on the foregoing:

Publishing House receipts	\$147 25
Bishop Hargrove's receipts	961 60
Bishop McTyeire's receipts	381 70
Cash collected and paid to L. D. Palmer	269 05—\$1,759 60

Deficit \$40 40

REPORT NO. 3.

In 1882 John M. Kittrell, for the Quarterly Conference of Mt. Pleasant Circuit, of which he is a steward, sold a lot on Bigby Creek, belonging to said circuit, for \$25. In a succeeding Quarterly Conference he reported that money paid as quarterage. The Quarterly Conference, though informed by the presiding elder that it could not be done *legally*, by mutual consent allowed the money to go to the presiding elder and preacher in charge as quarterage. At the time this was done, Porter's Society belonged to Mt. Pleasant charge. Since that time they have been placed in another charge, and claim that they have paid an amount toward the parsonage which has fallen to Mt. Pleasant Station, and that the money paid as quarterage should be refunded to the Quarterly Conference of Mt. Pleasant Station, and by that body paid to them on account of money paid by them on their parsonage.

1. Shall this money be refunded to Mt. Pleasant Quarterly Conference?
2. If so, by whom?

Bishop McTyeire: I am requested by resolution of Mt. Pleasant Quarterly Conference to submit the above to you for decision.

T. J. DUNCAN.

REPLY:

This is a practical and an interesting question. It ought to be settled. By law it goes to the Joint Board of Finance. See Discipline, page 177, paragraph 154.

H. N. McTYEIRE.

The Joint Board of Finance have considered the paper submitted by T. J. Duncan, and decide:

1. That money realized from the sale of Church property cannot be used in payment of salaries, nor for any other purpose than reinvestment in Church property.

2. That as the preacher in charge had notice, when the money was paid him, that the presiding elder had ruled that this money could not be used in paying his salary, we decide that the said preacher in charge, S. M. Cherry, shall refund the \$25 to the Quarterly Conference of Mt. Pleasant Station.

REPORT NO. 4.

The Joint Board of Finance has had under consideration the letter from Dr. W. H. Morgan relating to the Elliston Fund, and herewith submit an obligation, signed by Dr. W. H. Morgan, acknowledging his liability for the sum of \$3,285.

W. H. MORROW, *Chairman.*

T. A. KERLEY, *Secretary.*

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1884-85.

DISTRICTS.	Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension.	Minutes.	Total.
Nashville	\$375 00	\$833 00	\$4,629 00	\$1,156 00	\$910 00	\$46 00	\$7,949 00
Murfreesboro.....	230 00	510 00	2,196 75	550 00	566 25	28 00	4,081 00
Carthage	72 00	160 00	700 00	182 00	240 00	9 00	1,363 00
McMinnville.....	85 00	189 00	910 00	225 00	225 00	10 00	1,644 00
Shelbyville	177 00	400 00	1,414 00	372 00	460 00	22 00	2,845 00
Columbia	230 00	510 00	2,196 75	550 00	566 25	28 00	4,081 00
Savannah.....	98 00	218 00	810 00	183 00	200 00	12 00	1,521 00
Franklin.....	230 00	510 00	2,196 75	550 00	566 25	28 00	4,081 00
Centerville.....	73 00	160 00	750 00	182 00	200 00	9 00	1,374 00
Clarksville	230 00	510 00	2,196 75	550 00	566 25	28 00	4,081 00
Totals.....	\$1,800 00	\$4,000 00	\$18,000 00	\$4,500 00	\$4,500 00	\$220 00	\$33,020 00

TABLE SHOWING PERCENTAGES PAID BY THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS ON THE VARIOUS COLLECTIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Bishops.	Conference.	Presiding Elder.	Preacher in Charge.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Publishing Minutes.
Nashville.....	100	103	95½	89	102	72½	80	99¾
Murfreesboro.....	91½	90½	90½	89	70	38	44½	41½
Carthage.....	100	80¾	60½	66	86½	46½	33½	100
McMinnville.....	69	61	65	65¼	66¾	57¾	24½	100
Shelbyville.....	99	78½	81	84	60¼	73	35¾	74½
Columbia.....	100	90½	86¾	89½	82¾	71½	55¾	54
Franklin.....	100	95½	90	98¾	91½	91¾	84	100
Savannah.....	100	75½	70¾	75¾	100	71¼	50	100
Centerville.....	110	72¾	70	70	73	56	29	100
Clarksville	100	78	86	88½	72½	62	58	90

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	Ill. Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money Expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property	Money expended in buildings, repairs, etc.
McKendree.....	3	1,011	...	7	...	...	200	...	...	2	34	410	550	250	34	300	188	\$276 67	1	1,600	\$65,000	...	...	...	...
Elm Street.....	3	796	...	22	9	...	45	22	...	1	47	475	502	300	...	350	275	137 67	1	600	1,500	...	...	\$2,200	\$1,126 00
Carroll Street.....	4	399	...	3	3	...	15	...	...	2	24	381	241	...	24	225	111	178 18	2	1,100	10,000	...	...	580	326 40
North High Street.....	1	154	...	...	13	\$23 50	26	...	...	1	14	126	307	...	14	84	58	53 12	1	400	1,500	...	...	1,500	...
West End and Vanderbilt Univ.	19	28	...	...	1	...	50	40	...	2	28	223	480	...	29	149	127	103 40	2	500	8,500	...	...	...	60 00
Tulip Street.....	2	611	...	14	4	33 75	30	...	...	1	43	28	256	280	40	200	135	872 47	1	500	10,000	1	\$4,000	600	...
Hobson's Chapel.....	2	106	...	2	4	...	13	...	...	1	10	63	50	60	10	40	60	50 00	1	400	7,000	1	1,700	250	115 00
Foster Street.....	2	21	...	2	3	37 25	13	...	...	1	16	173	187	90	6	40	75	47 10	1	300	2,500	...	...	96	345 00
Greenland.....	...	21	...	3	2	...	23	...	...	2	13	185	436	12	8	116	76	66 00	2	500	3,500	...	...	...	85 00
Woodbine.....	1	25	...	9	4	...	34	...	...	4	20	157	80	...	36	15	36	57 00	4	1,400	4,400	...	...	175	1,249 30
Arlington.....	...	12	...	4	1	...	20	3	...	2	17	113	70	31	5	37	69	58 31	2	425	3,500	1	1,250	75	168 65
Hermitage.....	1	31	...	8	3	10 70	20	...	...	4	32	161	198	26	7	106	101	73 50	3	1,206	2,200	...	...	2,500	...
Nashville Circuit.....	6	38	...	33	2	10 00	25	1	...	5	26	120	100	...	3	75	80	15 00	5	1,500	2,000	...	...	2,500	199 13
Park Avenue and Mission.....	...	67	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	10	125	125	12	12	48	96	24 47	1	300	2,500	...	...	...	...
Greenfield Mission.....	...	54	...	2	...	...	5	...	...	2	15	152	226	...	...	84	114	15 30	1	200	500	...	...	...	...
Total.....	44	5,001	...	101	58	\$115 20	519	73	...	31	349	3047	3808	1061	228	1869	1601	\$2028 19	28	10,925	\$138,100	3	\$6,950	\$7,970	\$3,674 48

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Pd. on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Extension.		Pd. for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
McKendree.....	\$121 43	\$121 43	\$242 86	\$242 86	\$15 00	\$740 00	\$740 00	\$3,600 00	\$3,600 00	\$373 10	\$373 10	\$1,498 40	\$1,500 00	\$293 50	\$293 50	\$469 75
Elm Street.....	74 10	74 10	148 20	150 00	9 00	450 00	450 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	228 80	228 80	915 60	253 00	179 50	50 00	145 00
Carroll Street.....	11 60	11 60	23 20	23 20	1 40	65 00	39 45	600 00	364 30	35 85	25 85	142 25	5 00	28 15	...	169 75
North High Street.....	5 35	5 35	10 70	12 00	65	30 00	15 00	500 00	250 00	16 60	16 60	66 25	66 25	13 00	...	11 80
West End and Vanderbilt Univ.	28 57	28 57	57 14	58 00	3 50	150 00	150 00	1,400 00	1,317 50	88 25	98 25	353 00	365 00	69 15	70 65	266 70
Tulip Street.....	65 18	65 18	130 36	130 36	8 00	415 00	415 00	1,800 00	1,800 00	201 20	201 20	805 20	473 34	157 80	157 80	409 93
Hobson's Chapel.....	8 05	8 05	16 10	16 10	1 00	45 00	45 00	500 00	500 00	24 80	24 80	99 20	99 20	19 80	...	...
Foster Street.....	8 93	8 93	17 86	18 00	1 00	50 00	48 10	400 00	375 00	27 55	28 00	110 35	111 00	21 65	21 75	99 15
Greenland.....	8 93	8 93	17 86	17 85	1 05	50 00	45 00	400 00	102 05	27 55	27 55	110 35	30 00	21 45	21 45	...
Woodbine.....	11 60	11 60	23 20	23 20	1 40	65 00	52 39	500 00	402 96	35 85	35 85	142 25	37 55	28 15	7 00	...
Arlington.....	10 70	10 70	21 40	21 40	1 35	60 00	60 00	700 00	700 00	33 10	33 10	132 55	132 55	26 00	26 00	5 00
Hermitage.....	8 05	8 05	16 10	16 10	1 00	45 00	33 70	450 00	336 87	24 80	24 80	99 20	133 00	19 80	14 20	...
Nashville Circuit.....	8 05	8 05	16 10	16 10	1 00	45 00	35 00	500 00	400 00	24 80	50 00	99 20	133 00	19 80	19 80	30 00
Park Avenue.....	4 46	4 46	8 92	9 00	55	25 00	12 50	500 00	189 00	13 75	14 00	55 20	55 73	10 75	10 75	31 00
Wesley Hall Missionary Society	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17 20	...	...	...
Total.....	\$375 00	\$375 00	\$750 00	\$770 27	\$45 90	\$2235 00	\$2141 14	\$13,850 00	\$12,337 68	\$1156 00	\$1181 90	\$4,629 00	\$3,350 82	\$908 50	\$725 70	\$1684 38

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.—MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	All Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sitings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairs, etc.
Murfreesboro.....	1	480	...	45	8	\$15 00	46	5	2	1	24	177	250	...	20	236	155	\$242 00	1	600	\$10,000	1	\$1,500	...	\$100 00
Stone's River.....	1	279	...	15	1	20 00	40	...	...	3	35	155	145	...	10	72	72	18 00	4	1,100	5,000	1	2,000	...	65 00
Concord.....	3	417	...	8	5	5 00	24	...	...	4	18	130	...	10	4	...	37	14 40	5	1,300	4,500	...	...	...	27 00
Lebanon Station.....	...	229	...	1	12	5 00	35	...	...	1	20	113	200	70	14	94	51	70 87	1	500	12,000	1	2,000	1,500	500 00
Lebanon Circuit.....	4	421	...	14	1	...	30	...	...	5	30	221	...	...	11	113	2	27 15	5	1,600	4,350	...	...	...	50 00
Hollandale.....	...	274	...	...	1	4 50	17	...	...	4	21	178	...	20	2	55	100	16 75	3	1,150	4,600	...	...	...	4 25
Cainsville.....	3	390	...	5	10	9 40	21	...	...	3	18	105	...	...	...	48	48	8 00	6	2,130	7,000	...	...	...	645 00
Gallatin.....	...	245	...	12	3	20 00	25	5	10	1	14	155	150	100	16	180	30	90 30	1	450	12,000	...	...	...	35 00
Bethphage and Castalian Springs..	2	250	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1,000	3,350	1	500	50	...
Cairo Bend.....	...	225	...	8	2	7 00	12	...	...	4	21	150	...	4	8	35	54	...	4	650	1,300	...	...	...	...
Saundersville and Midway.....	2	282	...	7	5	30 00	35	1	...	5	28	150	736	20	14	93	53	126 00	6	1,730	6,300	...	...	...	24 50
Sumner.....	1	170	...	2	3	9 00	20	...	...	4	20	190	130	...	17	70	50	24 75	3	800	2,500	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Grove.....	1	416	...	24	9	3 00	30	...	...	4	17	183	...	...	3	81	113	13 36	4	1,350	4,800	1	550	...	...
Goodlettsville.....	4	430	...	13	7	...	26	...	...	4	47	236	288	99	7	192	167	55 68	4	1,000	4,500	...	...	...	...
El Dorado.....	3	100	...	...	1	6 00	4	...	...	4	22	173	120	...	...	40	70	11 00	4½	700	2,750	...	...	...	...
Fountain Head.....	3	611	...	12	9	63 00	18	...	...	6	32	150	...	...	3	22	16	...	9	1,800	2,245	...	...	...	...
Total.....	28	5,279	...	167	79	\$196 90	383	11	12	53	367	2466	2019	324	129	1331	1018	\$718 26	63½	17,860	\$87,195	5	\$6,550	\$1,725	\$1,450 75

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Pd. on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Extension.		Pd. for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
Murfreesboro.....	\$41 00	\$41 00	\$82 00	\$120 00	\$1 00	\$200 00	\$200 00	\$1,400 00	\$1,400 00	\$96 00	\$90 00	\$384 00	\$104 50	\$90 00	\$50 00	\$50 00
Stone's River.....	14 60	14 60	29 20	17 00	1 50	70 00	60 20	606 00	530 25	34 50	17 00	138 00	50 00	32 00	10 50	...
Concord.....	9 60	9 60	19 20	19 20	1 00	51 00	44 10	400 00	352 60	32 50	22 50	90 00	66 65	21 00	15 00	...
Lebanon Station.....	32 00	32 00	64 00	64 00	1 00	150 00	150 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	75 00	74 00	300 00	105 00	70 20	20 00	...
Lebanon Circuit.....	13 15	13 15	26 30	27 00	50	65 00	57 50	450 00	397 40	30 90	30 90	123 60	123 60	28 90	28 90	...
Hollandale.....	11 60	11 60	23 20	17 55	1 00	65 00	48 15	420 00	365 85	27 30	20 10	109 20	81 75	25 50	19 00	...
Cainsville.....	11 60	2 05	23 20	5 15	...	50 00	39 20	350 00	276 47	27 30	4 50	109 20	13 00	25 50	3 85	...
Gallatin.....	29 25	29 25	58 50	58 50	1 50	140 00	140 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	68 40	20 00	273 60	60 00	64 00	10 00	20 00
Bethphage & Castalian Springs..	11 20	8 85	22 40	9 50	...	50 00	26 90	400 00	245 90	23 50	7 50	94 00	20 00	22 00	...	15 00
Cairo Bend.....	4 60	4 60	9 00	3 00	50	21 00	17 80	184 00	151 40	10 80	2 00	43 20	4 00	10 00	1 00	...
Saundersville and Midway.....	13 15	13 15	20 40	20 40	2 00	65 00	59 50	475 00	436 80	30 90	31 00	123 60	88 25	28 90	28 90	...
Sumner.....	7 60	7 60	22 40	6 00	1 00	42 00	34 00	300 00	219 00	23 50	4 20	94 00	9 15	22 00	4 00	...
Pleasant Grove.....	11 60	2 50	23 20	15 25	...	55 00	46 95	345 00	264 10	27 30	20 00	109 00	21 65	25 50	...	...
Goodlettsville.....	13 15	13 15	26 00	26 00	...	70 00	70 00	450 00	450 00	31 00	31 00	124 00	51 60	29 00	29 00	...
El Dorado.....	2 50	2 50	5 00	1 75	...	...	...	240 00	160 00	6 00	...	24 00	...	5 50	...	...
Fountain Head.....	2 50	2 75	6 00	6 25	1 00	30 00	14 85	260 00	95 88	6 00	6 25	24 00	24 25	5 50	5 50	...
Soule Female College.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	\$229 10	\$209 35	\$460 00	\$416 55	\$12 00	\$1114 00	\$1009 15	\$8,474 00	\$7,545 65	\$510 90	\$380 95	\$2,163 40	\$823 40	\$505 50	\$225 65	\$85 00

CARTHAGE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	Ill. Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money Expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairing, etc.
Carthage.....	1	262	2	18	5	\$ 6 00	17	.....	.....	3	30	170	36	.....	.....	46	24	\$ 9 25	3	800	\$2,100	1	\$600	.....	\$ 5 00
Alexandria.....	3	428	.....	14	10	5 25	25	.....	.....	4	36	266	175	1	12	124	90	35 00	4 1/4	1,600	5,000	1	700	\$75 00	1,089 00
Livingston.....	2	410	.....	20	3	1 00	11	.....	.....	3	7	90	.....	.....	5	30	60	8 00	3 5/6	600	1,200	1	150	.....	150 00
Cumberland.....	5	585	.....	33	1	7 75	11	.....	.....	3	18	150	.....	.....	.....	126	36	6 00	5	1,250	5,000	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Goose Creek.....	1	380	.....	9	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	3	12	175	.....	.....	12	50	10 00	4	.....	2,050	4,300	1	500	85 00	73 80
Mt. Olivet.....	1	255	.....	3	8	6 00	22	3	.....	1	6	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	800	1,700	1	300	.....	23 05
Cookeville.....	3	375	.....	7	2	.....	12	.....	.....	6	24	150	.....	.....	6	75	100	12 00	6	1,500	1,850	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wartrace.....	3	429	1	24	6	7 65	18	1	.....	3	17	119	.....	.....	2	18	36	4 50	5	1,600	1,118	.....	.....	.....	118 00
La Fayette.....	2	377	.....	44	1	4 00	10	.....	.....	5	22	108	.....	.....	.....	66	24	5 00	2 1/2	1,000	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cokesbury.....	4	384	.....	2	1	3 35	12	.....	.....	2	10	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	2 00	1	1,000	1,800	1	500	.....	20 00
Gainesboro Mission.....	3	230	.....	3	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	3	16	120	.....	6	1	.....	24	2 00	1	200	200	.....	.....	.....	160 00
Celina Circuit & Birdstown Mission	3	520	.....	50	13	20 00	6	1	.....	6	20	200	10	2	2	20	40	8 00	4	1,000	1,500	.....	50 00	300 00	.....
Liberty.....	2	300	.....	9	2	9 00	25	.....	.....	3	18	150	100	.....	9	75	60	30 00	5	2,000	4,500	1	700	100 00	700 00
Woodbury.....	3	310	.....	16	22	12 00	23	.....	.....	5	20	200	.....	10	8	40	25	10 00	7	2,000	4,000	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Total.....	36	5,245	3	252	74	\$82 00	221	7	28	50	256	2082	321	19	57	620	569	\$139 75	57 5-12	16,960	\$35,868	7	\$3,450	\$310 00	\$2,963 85

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Pd on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Extension.		Pd. for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
Carthage.....	\$7 00	\$7 00	\$14 00	\$15 00	.....	\$75 00	\$58 15	\$450 00	\$298 30	\$15 00	\$15 00	\$65 00	\$41 85	\$25 00	\$25 00	.....
Alexandria.....	7 00	7 00	14 00	15 00	.....	75 00	70 25	525 00	491 55	17 50	15 00	80 00	75 00	25 00	25 00	.....
Livingston.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	.....	35 00	15 67	250 00	155 93	11 00	11 00	55 00	14 85	15 00	2 00	.....
Cumberland.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	8 00	.....	65 00	23 00	200 00	104 80	15 00	15 00	55 00	20 00	15 00	5 00	.....
Goose Creek.....	8 50	8 50	16 00	10 00	.....	75 00	75 00	400 00	400 00	17 50	15 00	80 00	35 00	25 00	5 00	.....
Mt. Olivet.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	15 00	.....	75 00	26 85	400 00	145 08	15 00	15 00	65 00	34 00	25 00	.....	.....
Cookeville.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	6 00	.....	35 00	21 00	250 00	201 50	10 00	10 00	36 00	14 65	15 00	.....	.....
Wartrace.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	7 00	.....	40 00	19 15	300 00	149 65	10 00	5 00	35 00	6 15	15 00	1 00	\$10 00
La Fayette.....	3 00	3 00	6 00	.....	.....	35 00	24 00	225 00	150 00	10 00	7 00	25 00	7 05	10 00	.....	.....
Cokesbury.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	8 00	.....	65 00	32 00	175 00	129 85	15 00	15 00	65 00	10 00	15 00	.....	5 00
Gainesboro Mission.....	3 50	4 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	35 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	.....	.....
Celina Circ't & Birdstown Miss.*	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	.....	45 00	5 60	346 00	107 65	10 00	10 00	16 00	26 00	15 00	5 00	10 00
Liberty.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	7 25	.....	75 00	55 55	400 00	300 00	15 00	7 50	65 00	30 00	25 00	12 00	.....
Woodbury.....	3 00	3 00	6 00	5 00	.....	35 00	15 00	366 00	180 00	5 00	3 00	35 00	10 00	10 00	.....	3 00
Total.....	\$72 00	\$72 50	\$144 00	\$116 25	\$9 00	\$730 00	\$441 22	\$4,337 00	\$2,849 31	\$168 00	\$145 50	\$700 00	\$326 55	\$240 00	\$80 00	\$28 0

* To amount of P. C. is added \$16 assessed, and \$14.10 paid for junior preacher.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.—McMINNVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	Ill. Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money Expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Strangers.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairing, etc.
McMinnville Station.....	1	199	...	6	...	\$ 8 20	14	6	3	2	14	147	240	...	...	90	80	\$25 00	11½	425	\$1,000	...	...	\$1,500	\$1,500 00
McMinnville Circuit.....	4	321	...	3	...	...	10	1	...	3	16	135	...	...	...	...	75	6 40	6	1,350	2,100	...	...	...	...
Sparta Station.....	...	113	...	1	1	10 00	9	5	...	1	8	90	...	7	7	75	44	48 25	1	300	3,000	...	...	...	10 00
Manchester and Tullahoma Sta.....	4	170	...	16	1	...	22	...	...	2	...	172	50	...	4	80	100	20 06	2	600	6,500	...	...	...	...
Sparta Circuit.....	3	465	...	17	2	...	18	...	...	5	23	327	...	...	...	...	17 15	7	1,625	2,950	1	\$500	...	900 00	
Smithville.....	...	115	...	16	3	23 00	3	3	3	1	9	116	...	...	2	70	40	16 00	1	325	1,500	...	...	...	50 00
Hickory Valley Mission.....	4	322	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1,300	1,100	...	...	...	...
Hill-boro.....	7	573	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	5	25	320	...	...	...	25	250	15 00	7	1,700	2,250	1	200	50	5 00
Beech Grove.....	4	145	...	7	2	7 00	22	2	...	2	12	82	78	...	4	51	27	8 50	4	1,100	1,500	...	...	...	105 00
Short Mountain.....	...	530	...	23	14	188 00	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	5 00	5	1,200	2,150	...	...	275	...
Hickory Creek.....	5	721	...	51	9	16 35	29	2	...	8	55	400	...	...	5	125	72	30 35	7½	2,000	4,000	1	800	...	355 00
Manchester Circuit.....	2	385	...	17	6	...	16	4	3	6	24	218	115	3	2	40	120	23 00	7	1,800	3,850	...	...	...	150 00
Caney Fork Mission.....	3	187	...	28	...	9 70	3	...	...	2	12	100	...	...	3	...	...	17 25	3	667	800	...	...	...	50 00
Spencer Mission.....	...	130	...	5	7	4 20	3	...	...	2	5	40	...	...	3	6	...	...	2	300	300	...	...	...	...
Altamont Mission.....	2	319	...	21	...	...	7	...	...	9	33	323	500	...	...	...	...	37 00	3	1,000	1,000	...	...	100	...
Tracy City.....	1	110	...	5	...	51 10	10	6	...	1	10	100	...	...	...	40	120	22 50	1	500	1,200	...	...	...	282 00
Mont Eagle Mission.....	1	115	...	13	2	...	...	...	...	3	21	180	50	...	20	15	30	4 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	1	4,920	...	232	54	\$317 75	174	29	9	4	267	2820	1033	20	50	597	904	\$295 40	62 5-6	15,992	\$35,500	3	\$1,500	\$1,925	\$3,407 00

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Pd. on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Extension.		Pd. for Education, Persecution, and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
McMinnville Station.....	\$6 50	\$6 50	\$13 00	\$13 00	...	\$65 00	\$56 15	\$435 00	\$375 83	\$17 00	\$17 00	\$66 00	\$66 00	\$18 50	...	...
McMinnville Circuit.....	5 50	5 50	10 00	6 40	...	55 00	22 20	300 00	111 10	14 00	2 00	56 00	10 00	14 00	...	...
Sparta Station.....	6 50	6 50	14 00	14 00	...	75 00	75 00	500 00	500 40	18 00	18 00	67 0	67 00	18 50	\$18 50	\$62 00
Sparta Circuit.....	6 00	1 65	12 00	3 25	...	60 00	34 10	360 00	193 65	16 00	4 40	61 00	16 50	15 00	4 15	...
Manchester and Tullahoma Sta.....	6 50	5 00	13 00	5 25	...	70 00	47 65	600 00	463 05	17 00	17 00	66 00	66 00	18 50	2 25	...
Smithville.....	4 00	4 00	9 00	9 00	...	45 00	28 25	300 00	262 00	12 00	12 00	51 00	51 00	14 00	...	4 00
Hickory Valley Mission.....	3 00	...	6 00	...	...	20 00	8 05	180 00	38 40	7 00	...	31 00	...	6 50	...	...
Hill-boro.....	4 00	3 00	7 00	...	...	60 00	24 65	300 00	123 35	14 00	9 00	61 00	29 00	15 00	...	...
Beech Grove.....	6 00	2 05	12 00	4 10	...	60 00	35 52	440 00	281 45	15 00	5 30	62 00	21 75	16 00	5 40	...
Short Mountain.....	5 50	3 00	10 00	7 75	...	55 00	22 70	275 00	136 20	14 00	3 25	56 00	13 00	14 00	...	...
Hickory Creek.....	9 50	9 50	18 00	18 00	...	90 00	66 70	450 00	333 50	23 00	23 00	87 00	87 00	20 00	20 00	...
Manchester Circuit.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	8 00	...	50 00	45 00	400 00	285 50	14 00	10 00	56 00	20 25	14 00	3 00	...
Caney Fork Mission.....	2 50	2 50	6 00	...	...	30 00	4 40	92 00	20 00	7 00	4 40	31 00	10 15	6 50	...	...
Spencer Mission.....	3 00	...	6 00	2 60	...	20 00	8 50	150 00	59 50	7 00	3 00	31 00	7 25	6 50	25	...
Altamont Mission.....	2 50	1 00	5 00	2 35	...	20 00	7 35	145 00	51 95	7 00	1 60	31 00	3 15	6 50	1 00	...
Tracy City.....	6 00	3 50	13 00	9 55	...	65 00	60 00	500 00	300 00	16 00	13 50	66 00	54 00	18 50	...	26 85
Mont Eagle Mission.....	3 00	...	6 00	...	...	...	1 50	...	4 16	7 00	7 00	31 00	3 00	6 50	...	...
Total.....	\$85 00	\$58 70	\$170 00	\$103 35	\$10 00	\$840 00	\$547 72	\$5,427 00	\$3,540 04	\$225 00	\$150 45	\$910 00	\$525 00	\$228 50	\$54 55	\$92 85

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterites taken.	Ill. Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairing, etc.
Shelbyville.....	.....	216	.....	1	.....	.....	16	2	3	1	18	120	.....	70	10	110	50	\$ 68 58	1	400	\$10,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winchester.....	.....	127	.....	9	5	\$39 00	13	9	5	1	15	141	100	20	9	100	40	27 00	1	350	1,250	.....	.....	\$100	\$ 10 00
Salem.....	.....	290	.....	50	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	1	5	72	.....	1	.....	20	72	1 90	4	1,100	1,880	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fayetteville Station.....	.....	126	.....	1	.....	6 40	16	.....	.....	1	12	135	130	1	10	80	80	133 15	1	350	4,000	1	\$1,000	.....	.....
Fayetteville Circuit.....	.....	306	.....	14	2	28 85	47	2	.....	3	16	78	18	.....	10	86	74	14 15	4	1,100	2,500	.....	.....	.....	14 00
Cornersville and Lewisburg.....	1	194	.....	4	5	40 00	30	2	3	2	20	130	12	50	12	100	54	30 00	2	800	4,500	1	1,000	200	700 00
Petersburg.....	1	434	.....	42	1	10 00	50	2	.....	4	15	180	100	.....	3	60	48	125 00	3 1/2	1,400	4,400	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Lynchburg.....	1	333	.....	42	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	3	14	115	48	.....	.....	58	40	8 20	3 1/2	1,050	900	.....	.....	.....	.....
Normandy Mission.....	3	216	.....	29	.....	10 35	6	.....	.....	3	18	120	.....	10	.....	120	60	3 90	2	300	300	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia.....	6	315	.....	18	2	12 00	10	2	.....	3	17	130	.....	2	.....	50	86	11 00	5	1,500	800	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medium and Moore's Chapel.....	4	243	.....	7	11	3 00	21	9	.....	2	12	93	.....	.....	7	75	20	25 00	2	500	4,000	1	1,000	.....	196 00
Rich Valley.....	2	324	.....	24	.....	35 00	25	6	.....	4	20	120	100	.....	12	40	40	15 00	4	1,100	3,500	.....	.....	.....	1,365 00
Lynchburg and Mulberry.....	.....	177	.....	18	1	50 00	27	4	2	2	17	160	200	3	10	76	63	50 00	2	900	3,500	.....	.....	400	305 00
Marble Plains and Bethel.....	.....	199	.....	9	2	9 00	8	2	9	3	13	80	.....	.....	.....	31	31	14 80	2	700	2,000	1	400	.....	3 00
Wartrace.....	.....	152	.....	30	2	18 00	12	15	1	2	21	187	50	50	5	125	105	57 25	1	380	2,200	.....	.....	.....	97 75
Mt. Moriah and Bethel.....	.....	131	.....	6	.....	8 11	11	.....	.....	3	17	186	.....	.....	5	112	70	23 18	2	550	2,100	.....	.....	50	58 45
Tallahoma.....	2	390	.....	50	.....	12 00	13	.....	.....	3	24	220	.....	.....	.....	196	135	18 11	4	950	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swan.....	1	187	.....	17	8	5 40	6	.....	.....	3	14	135	.....	.....	.....	52	47	6 00	4	1,100	2,300	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk River.....	4	270	.....	30	3	18 00	5	.....	.....	3	10	100	.....	.....	.....	6	10	60	5	1,350	800	.....	.....	.....	125 00
Dryden Chapel and Mission.....	3	218	.....	16	.....	4 50	8	.....	.....	3	12	83	.....	1	4	37	47	11 25	2 1/2	575	850	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	28	4,848	.....	424	44	\$309 61	352	55	23	50	310	2585	758	208	97	1534	1172	\$644 07	55 1/2	16,455	\$53,380	4	\$3,400	\$750	\$2,974 20

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Pd on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions		Church Extension.		Pd for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
Shelbyville.....	\$18 00	\$18 00	\$36 00	\$36 00	\$ 25	\$90 00	\$30 00	\$900 00	\$900 00	\$37 80	\$37 80	\$143 80	\$143 80	\$46 80	\$14 00	\$252 15
Winchester.....	9 00	9 00	18 00	18 25	1 10	40 00	40 00	300 00	310 00	19 00	18 00	71 90	85 00	23 50	23 50	...
Salem.....	9 00	8 00	18 00	13 00	...	45 00	31 25	270 00	191 66	16 80	10 00	83 80	60 00	20 80	...	...
Elk River.....	6 00	6 00	12 00	6 70	75	20 00	18 00	150 00	127 00	12 50	5 00	47 90	38 00	15 60	...	...
Fayetteville Station.....	12 00	12 00	24 00	15 00	1 00	65 00	46 80	600 00	560 00	25 00	...	45 20	5 00	31 20	...	55 10
Fayetteville Circuit.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	12 00	1 25	45 00	34 70	350 00	270 60	21 00	10 00	79 90	80 00	26 00	7 25	18 30
Cornersville and Lewisburg.....	12 00	12 00	24 00	5 00	1 75	70 00	44 70	525 00	425 00	29 45	11 80	111 85	10 00	36 35	...	34 00
Petersburg.....	10 00	9 00	20 00	10 00	...	45 00	40 00	400 00	355 75	19 00	19 00	71 90	72 50	23 35	5 00	...
Lynchburg.....	6 00	6 00	12 00	10 65	...	30 00	23 60	215 00	161 95	12 60	...	47 90	28 00	15 60	...	13 50
Normandy Mission.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	50	15 00	12 65	112 00	50 00	10 50	6 00	39 95	20 00	13 00	6 00	...
Macedonia.....	6 00	6 00	12 00	10 50	75	20 00	10 00	150 00	70 55	12 60	2 95	47 90	11 65	15 60	...	...
Medium and Moore's Chapel.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	1 25	45 00	35 90	405 00	327 10	21 00	21 00	79 90	54 00	26 00	16 90	30 00
Swan.....	6 00	6 00	12 00	12 00	25	20 00	11 25	225 00	119 30	12 60	...	47 90	20 00	15 60	...	...
Rich Valley.....	14 00	14 00	28 00	28 00	1 75	65 00	61 25	535 00	504 25	29 45	29 45	111 85	111 85	36 35	36 35	...
Dryden Chapel and Mission.....	6 00	6 00	12 00	12 00	...	30 00	12 40	270 00	111 60	12 60	...	47 90	26 00	15 60	...	...
Lynchburg and Mulberry.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	1 25	55 00	55 00	440 00	440 00	21 00	21 00	79 90	80 00	26 00	26 00	40 00
Marble Plains and Bethel.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	8 00	25	40 00	32 62	400 00	385 25	21 00	50	79 90	50 00	26 00	3 00	40 00
Tallahoma.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	60	20 00	15 20	200 00	153 45	10 50	5 00	39 75	16 00	13 00	3 80	...
Wartrace.....	7 00	7 00	14 00	14 00	1 00	85 00	35 00	365 00	365 00	14 70	14 70	55 90	55 90	18 20	18 20	69 40
Mt. Moriah and Bethel.....	6 00	6 00	12 00	12 00	75	30 00	19 00	240 00	134 00	12 60	12 60	47 90	40 00	15 60	4 65	...
Total.....	\$177 00	\$175 00	\$354 00	\$278 10	\$16 45	\$825 00	\$669 32	\$7,052 00	\$5,902 46	\$371 90	\$224 80	\$1,382 90	\$1,007 70	\$460 15	\$164 65	\$552 45

* The amount assessed and paid P. C. includes \$40 assessed and paid junior preacher.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.—COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

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CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	III. Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairing, etc.
Columbia.....	1	310		2	3		60	1		1	21	100	100		25	100		\$116 38	2	800	\$14,500	1	\$1,500		\$ 75 00
Mt. Pleasant.....		152	1		4		24			1	12	101			5	100	26	19 38	1	500	6,000	1	1,500	\$500	350 00
Bigbyville.....		202		23	1	\$ 9 25	21	1		3	18	167			12	104	62	21 06	3	700	7,000			50	45 00
Lynnville.....	2	271		34	2	3 50	20			3	10	80			2	36	33	17 00	3	750	2,600			200	616 00
Forest Grove.....		190					26	3		2	10	81		1	2	36	22	7 35	4	950	1,500				50 00
Diana.....	1	320		15	1	18 25	14	3	1	2	14	131	80	4	6	60	56	18 94	3	800	2,700				
Pleasant Valley.....	1	335		1			20			2	11	106	9			42	42	17 00	4	1,000	4,000				400 00
Olivet and Pleasant Hill.....		178		29	1		13	3	3	2	11	139	150	1	4	68	18	12 00	1	400	3,000	1	2,000		125 00
Pulaski Station.....	2	429		2	6	70 57	34	7	3	2	31	237	84	130	18	236	85	127 34	1	500	8,000	2	4,500		24 00
Mt. Pisgah.....	7	640		23		4 80	22												4	1,835	6,200				
Trinity.....	3	437		82	11	8 75	32			6	24	217	243		5		106	18 00	5	1,400	3,000				240 00
Prospect.....		491		33	45	126 75	24	7	1	8	42	300		14	4	169	107	35 90	4	1,200	3,500	1	1,050		487 25
Richland.....	1	327		1		7 40	19	2	5	4	20	124			9	108	39	14 00	4 1/4	1,000	2,100	1	500		22 00
Elkton.....		99		5		1 25	19	3		1	11	100	44		6	42	60	21 00	1	250	600	1	1,200		90 00
Elkton Mission.....	1	100		1						2	8	60		40		20	20	5 00	2	550	890				
Bee Spring and Shiloh.....	1	512		49	7					3	24	160	125		6	32	30	17 20	3	1,050	4,500	1	875		1,100 00
Blanche.....	1	425		23		2 50	16			1	8	65			5	20	15	11 75	3 1/2	1,000	1,510	1	500		27 50
Culleoka.....	1	230		3	5	20 00	30	3	1	1	11	99	325	7	7	80	50	17 30	1	500	3,000	1	1,000	275	15 00
Total.....	22	5,648	1	333	86	\$273 02	394	33	14	44	286	2267	1160	197	114	1253	771	\$496 54	49 3/4	15,185	\$74,600	11	\$14,625	\$1025	\$3,667 55

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Paid on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Extension.		Pd. for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
Columbia.....	\$31 00	\$31 00	\$62 00	\$62 00	.....	\$165 00	\$135 75	\$1,200 00	\$1,100 98	\$74 40	\$74 40	\$298 00	\$298 00	\$81 80	.....	\$ 20 86
Mt. Pleasant.....	11 00	11 00	22 00	22 00	\$1 30	58 60	58 60	500 00	500 00	26 40	26 00	105 74	105 74	29 00	\$29 00	.....
Bigbyville.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	15 00	.....	53 30	53 30	500 00	490 00	24 00	16 25	96 13	66 75	26 35	17 50	.....
Culleoka.....	12 00	12 00	24 00	24 00	1 40	64 00	64 00	500 00	500 00	28 80	28 80	115 36	90 00	31 65	11 70	.....
Lynnville.....	9 00	9 00	17 20	13 60	1 00	48 00	39 15	325 00	237 17	21 60	16 00	86 53	16 00	23 70	5 00	.....
Forest Grove.....	9 00	9 00	18 00	9 40	.....	48 00	29 17	225 00	145 80	21 60	11 05	86 53	45 05	23 70	12 65	.....
Diana.....	9 00	9 00	18 00	18 00	1 30	48 00	37 25	400 00	285 45	21 60	21 60	86 53	42 00	23 70	10 00	.....
Pleasant Valley.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	1 20	53 00	41 56	350 00	296 25	24 00	24 00	96 13	96 00	26 35	26 35	.....
Olivet and Pleasant Hill.....	12 00	12 00	18 45	18 45	.....	64 00	64 00	500 00	500 00	28 80	12 50	115 36	58 70	31 65	6 00	51 35
Pulaski.....	33 00	33 00	66 00	66 00	3 95	176 00	176 00	1,100 00	1,100 00	79 20	79 20	317 74	250 20	87 25	87 25	107 75
Mt. Pisgah.....	12 00	12 00	24 00	24 00	.....	64 00	51 30	425 00	376 25	28 80	20 00	115 36	60 00	31 65	18 45	.....
Trinity.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	13 00	.....	53 30	37 44	350 00	245 80	24 00	24 00	96 13	26 00	26 35	5 00	5 00
Prospect.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	.....	53 30	53 00	500 00	500 00	24 00	24 50	96 13	96 00	26 35	26 50	56 85
Richland.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	1 20	53 00	45 00	400 00	336 25	24 00	24 00	96 13	96 15	26 35	26 35	.....
Elkton.....	12 00	12 00	24 00	16 00	1 40	64 00	54 25	500 00	423 10	28 80	15 00	115 36	34 60	31 65	15 00	.....
Elkton Mission.....	3 00	3 00	6 00	6 00	35	16 00	6 00	75 00	34 55	7 20	.....	28 85	19 75	7 90	.....	.....
Bee Spring and Shiloh.....	12 00	12 00	24 00	24 00	1 50	64 00	64 00	500 00	500 00	28 80	29 00	115 36	115 00	31 65	31 80	60 00
Blanche.....	10 00	10 00	26 35	15 00	.....	53 30	30 10	350 00	202 21	24 00	.....	96 13	31 00	26 35	.....	24 45
Total.....	\$225 00	\$225 00	\$450 00	\$406 45	\$14 60	\$1,199 40	\$1,039 87	\$8,700 00	\$7,773 81	\$540 00	\$446 30	\$2,163 50	\$1,546 94	\$593 40	\$328 55	\$326 26

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	Ill, Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairing, etc.
Franklin.....	.....	347	.....	12	3	\$72 00	40	3	1	1	17	135	200	.....	30	132	60	\$ 85 80	1	400	\$16,000	.....	.....	\$1000	.....
Douglass.....	1	200	.....	12	.....	.....	12	1	.....	4	14	187	.....	.....	10	12	30	12 50	1	1,350	9,000	1	\$ 600	.....	\$ 728 00
Spring Hill Station.....	.....	87	.....	1	.....	15 50	11	4	2	1	10	50	.....	20	6	35	45	19 05	1	250	2,500	.....	1,400	.....	874 80
College Grove.....	1	399	1	10	2	27 37	63	13	.....	4	32	220	184	25	11	139	107	39 70	4	1,175	5,200	1	1,000	.....	106 60
Chapel Hill.....	1	494	.....	30	5	26 25	48	.....	1	3	20	194	.....	10	5	102	53	18 60	4	1,200	4,600	.....	.....	600	1,014 00
Brentwood and Johnson.....	2	228	.....	22	5	.....	22	5	1	3	13	75	.....	.....	9	60	36	35 50	2	600	4,000	1	2,000	.....	391 00
Bethesda.....	.....	334	1	21	.....	33 15	62	2	.....	4	22	128	105	.....	12	48	98	33 15	4	1,250	6,000	1	500	.....	181 00
Harpeth.....	1	239	.....	11	2	38 05	35	3	.....	2	14	129	72	12	9	90	67	36 83	2	600	7,000	.....	.....	.....	15 50
Pope and Mt. Zion.....	.....	197	.....	2	1	18 75	13	8	17	2	12	70	100	17	5	50	46	17 75	2	580	4,000	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Berlin.....	.....	392	.....	6	5	.....	.....	.....	4	18	199	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	63	9 25	7	1,860	3,050	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kedron.....	2	423	.....	27	.....	.....	19	3	.....	6	29	219	.....	.....	3	126	128	15 70	5	1,400	3,000	1	1,000	.....	850 00
Nolensville.....	.....	363	.....	19	3	28 00	42	.....	3	25	178	210	.....	.....	9	94	36	187 10	3	700	8,000	1	880	.....	.....
Bellbuckle.....	.....	168	.....	13	1	5 00	20	1	.....	1	10	80	.....	.....	56	27	45	12 20	1	400	4,000	1	1,500	.....	1,112 00
Spring Hill Circuit.....	4	335	.....	10	2	5 00	25	5	2	4	20	100	60	.....	.....	60	110	16 52	4	875	4,150	1	550	.....	50 00
Bethlehem and White.....	1	182	.....	3	.....	8 85	21	2	.....	2	9	61	150	.....	5	54	24	10 00	2	550	2,100	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Unionville.....	1	660	.....	42	10	16 00	57	.....	7	21	319	60	12	6	356	102	60 00	7	2,000	7,000	1	1,000	400	.....	20 50
Fernvale.....	2	256	.....	24	2	25 00	6	.....	.....	4	24	110	40	10	5	96	22	6 00	4	800	2,100	.....	.....	.....	500 00
Total.....	16	5,301	2	264	42	\$318 92	496	50	22	55	310	2,454	1,181	106	171	1,583	1072	\$615 65	57	15,930	\$91,700	10	10,430	\$2,000	\$5,865 40

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Pd on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Extension.		Pd for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
Franklin.....	\$26 00	\$26 00	\$52 00	\$52 00	\$3 50	\$138 67	\$138 67	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$67 01	\$67 00	\$265 55	\$265 05	\$67 30	\$67 30	\$297 14
Douglass.....	15 50	15 50	31 00	31 00	1 95	82 67	82 67	500 00	500 00	39 95	39 95	158 30	123 75	40 10	10 00	
Spring Hill Station.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	1 20	53 33	53 33	400 00	400 00	25 77	25 70	102 10	102 10	25 90	25 80	136 00
College Grove.....	18 50	18 50	37 00	37 00	2 20	98 67	98 67	650 00	650 00	47 70	47 75	188 95	188 95	47 90	47 90	95 00
Chapel Hill.....	17 50	17 50	35 00	17 50	2 10	93 00	93 00	660 00	660 00	45 10	18 50	178 75	130 00	45 30	22 00	88 00
Brentwood and Johnson.....	13 00	13 00	26 00	26 00	1 60	69 33	69 33	400 00	400 00	33 51	33 51	132 77	132 77	33 65	33 65	
Bethesda.....	13 00	13 00	26 00	26 00	1 60	69 33	69 33	375 00	390 00	33 51	33 51	132 77	132 77	33 65	33 65	
Harpeth.....	13 00	13 00	26 00	26 00	1 60	69 35	69 35	400 00	401 35	33 51	33 51	132 77	133 00	33 65	33 75	33 55
Pope and Mt. Zion.....	9 00	9 00	18 00	18 00	1 10	48 00	48 00	400 00	400 00	23 20	23 20	91 93	91 93	23 30	23 30	
Berlin.....	7 50	7 50	15 00	12 60	80	40 37	40 37	235 00	235 00	19 35	19 35	76 60	51 40	19 45	14 50	
Kedron.....	9 00	9 00	18 00	18 00	1 00	48 00	48 00	300 00	300 00	23 20	10 00	91 93	24 00	23 30	10 00	
Nolensville.....	14 00	14 00	28 00	28 00	1 60	74 64	69 40	480 34	446 50	36 10	36 10	142 98	143 05	36 25	28 05	
Bellbuckle.....	13 00	13 00	26 00	26 00	1 60	69 33	61 50	600 00	538 35	33 51	33 55	132 77	132 80	33 65	33 65	112 00
Spring Hill Circuit.....	13 00	13 00	26 00	26 00	1 60	69 33	67 33	430 00	430 00	33 51	25 00	132 77	127 70	33 65	25 00	
Bethlehem and White.....	8 00	8 00	16 00	16 00	80	42 65	37 80	307 25	283 60	20 62	20 60	81 72	79 60	20 70	15 00	84 66
Unionville*.....	18 50	18 50	37 00	37 00	2 25	98 67	98 67	591 00	592 85	47 70	46 70	188 95	193 00	47 90	47 90	
Fernvale.....	6 50	6 50	13 00	13 00	50	34 66	34 66	115 00	115 00	16 75	16 75	66 39	55 60	16 85	16 85	4 00
Bedford College.....																
Total.....	\$225 00	\$225 00	\$450 00	\$429 50	\$27 00	\$1,200 00	\$1,180 08	\$7,843 59	\$7,742 65	\$580 00	\$530 68	\$2,298 00	\$2,107 47	\$582 50	\$488 30	\$850 35

* \$151 assessed, and \$151.85 paid to junior preacher included in P. C.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.—SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	STATISTICAL REPORTS.																							
	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	10 Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sittings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairs, etc.
Savannah Station.....	1	147	9	16	\$41 10	30	4	1	13	80	120	25	12	80	50	\$26 90	1	500	\$5,000	1	\$150	\$100		\$360 00
Savannah Circuit.....	5	426	42	8	95 00	13	1	6	4	261	20	3	36	186	7 55	91 2/3	2,500	6,000	1					
Clifton.....	2	373	75	2	56 55	24	3	10	40	280	3	15	95	25	30	72	12 00	1	200	600	1	550	150	75 00
Flatwood Mission.....	4	200	26	2	6 00	9	5	4	12	150	3	13	95	55	1	5	106	68	25 65	4	1,000	2,500	25	123 00
Linden.....	3	300	10	6	32 00	18	1	3	12	150	40	1	30	60	20 00	1	150	150						
Lowryville.....	3	375	10	6	31 80	17	3	3	12	150	40	1	30	60	20 00	1	150	150						
Wayland Springs.....	4	211	5	3	40 00	5	60	5	25	150	90	10	20	40	20 50	5	800	1,200	500	1,600	20		350 00	
Lawrenceburg.....	1	143	3	21	15 00	5	3	3	18	105	75	8	3	40	12	11 00	2	500	2,000	1	500	85		337 50
Oakland Mission.....	6	200	8	5	7 30	15	2	2	13	97	36	1	4	70	56	13 35	2	500	2,000	1	500	85		337 50
Laurel Hill.....	2	106	5	14	10 00	32	8	6	27	182	1	6	9	68	24 35	3	900	6,000	1	600	85		337 50	
Henryville Mission.....	2	140	5	15	10 00	32	8	6	27	182	1	6	9	68	24 35	3	900	6,000	1	600	85		337 50	
Enterprise.....	1	166	14	7	10 00	32	8	6	27	182	1	6	9	68	24 35	3	900	6,000	1	600	85		337 50	
Hampshire and Pisgah.....	2	141	10	4	7 30	15	2	2	13	97	36	1	4	70	56	13 35	2	500	2,000	1	500	85		337 50
Williamsport.....	4	276	18	5	10 00	32	8	6	27	182	1	6	9	68	24 35	3	900	6,000	1	600	85		337 50	
Total.....	38	3,204	218	81	\$334 75	199	30	66	46	230	1,885	281	83	41	561	716	\$220 30	551 2/3	11,700	\$38,450	6	\$2,550	\$480	\$2,585 50

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Pd. on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Mission.		Church Extension.		Pd. for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Paid.	Assessed.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
Savannah Station.....	\$11 05	\$11 25	\$22 00	\$22 00	.....	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$400 00	\$400 00	\$16 70	\$17 05	\$52 00	\$52 80	\$23 50	\$23 50	\$207 55
Savannah Circuit.....	8 20	8 20	16 40	16 00	.....	50 00	28 50	300 00	185 40	12 85	12 85	40 00	40 00	17 50	2 00	23 50
Flatwood Mission.....	4 90	4 90	10 00	10 00	.....	30 00	11 60	218 00	97 80	7 70	7 70	24 00	.....	10 85	4 55	.....
Linden.....	8 20	8 20	17 00	17 00	.....	50 00	25 00	335 00	179 90	12 85	12 85	40 00	13 00	17 50	7 50	.....
Lowryville.....	5 70	5 70	10 70	5 00	.....	35 00	7 50	300 00	160 00	8 75	8 75	28 00	6 00	12 70	2 00	.....
Wayland Springs.....	7 30	7 35	15 00	13 00	.....	45 00	35 60	405 00	311 00	11 55	11 55	36 00	12 00	15 30	9 45	.....
Lawrenceburg.....	5 70	5 70	11 00	11 00	.....	35 00	28 30	189 00	152 55	8 75	9 00	28 00	28 00	12 50	12 50	.....
Oakland Mission.....	4 90	4 90	10 00	1 80	.....	30 00	13 25	175 00	80 00	7 70	7 70	24 00	.....	10 85	.....	20 00
Laurel Hill.....	3 20	3 25	6 50	6 00	.....	20 00	20 00	100 00	112 80	5 15	5 15	16 00	16 00	7 25	7 00	.....
Henryville.....	3 20	3 20	4 00	4 00	.....	20 00	3 00	100 00	16 00	5 15	5 15	16 00	5 00	7 25	2 50	.....
Enterprise.....	5 20	5 20	12 00	8 00	.....	35 00	23 30	200 00	131 20	8 75	8 75	28 00	16 50	12 70	.....	.....
Hampshire and Pisgah.....	8 20	8 20	17 00	17 00	.....	50 00	42 05	400 00	340 10	12 85	12 85	40 00	40 00	17 50	7 00	.....
Williamsport.....	13 90	14 00	28 00	10 00	.....	85 00	85 00	500 00	575 00	21 80	21 80	68 00	72 25	30 45	30 45	18 20
Clifton.....	8 20	8 20	16 40	7 05	.....	50 00	35 00	300 00	220 50	12 85	12 85	40 00	40 00	17 50	.....	.....
Total.....	\$98 00	\$93 20	\$196 00	\$147 85	\$12 00	\$600 00	\$24 00	\$3,922 00	\$2,965 40	\$153 40	\$154 00	\$480 00	\$341 50	\$213 35	\$108 45	\$269 25

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	Ill. Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money Expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairing, etc.
Centerville Station.....	..	104	..	85	15	\$125 00	33	20	12	1 1/2	20	100	75	36	15	45	39	\$39 00	13 1/4	900	\$3,500	..	..	\$125 00	\$100 00
Centerville Circuit.....	..	..	..	..	..	183 09	26	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1,300	4,350	..	..	500 00	500 00
Pinewood.....	5	204	..	17	5	30 00	13	..	..	5	30	189	..	..	..	..	..	14 00	7	1,650	1,200	..	..	10 00	10 00
Duck River.....	..	124	..	10	5	14 85	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 1/2	1,000	1,200	..	..	525 00	525 00
Ebenezer and Liberty.....	3	520	..	50	15	5 00	60	10	..	5	40	360	50	..	18	108	131	50 00	5	1,500	2,800	1	\$1,000	60 00	60 00
Waverly.....	..	146	1	5	2	12 00	8	4	..	2	12	78	..	..	..	20	40	6 50	1	350	1,800	..	..	325 00	325 00
Standing Rock and Danville.....	4	428	..	17	25	3 00	8	..	..	8	32	350	250	10	..	12	90	20 00	9	2,250	3,080	1	250	50 00	50 00
Dover.....	1	176	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	14	183	100	..	2	40	36	10 00	5	1,500	3,900	..	..	..	..
Erin and Cumberland City.....	4	350	..	19	14	10 00	35	1	1	5	38	238	25	..	4	138	85	25 00	7 1/2	1,800	4,500	..	..	700 00	700 00
White Oak.....	3	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1,200	1,000	..	..	200 00	200 00
Yellow Creek.....	6	303	..	28	17	12 50	12	..	..	2	12	120	100	28	4	20	45	4 25	3	800	1,500	..	..	..	..
Dickson.....	3	392	..	4	9	..	32	..	..	6	25	300	..	..	..	..	..	20 00	8	1,500	5,000	1	500	..	..
White Bluff Mission.....	4	210	..	37	..	..	5	..	..	4	32	180	..	..	..	20	35	15 00	5	1,450	3,200	..	..	210 70	210 70
Warner Mission.....	1	149	..	10	21	3 00	5	..	..	1	4	35	..	1	..	20	20	80	2	300	500	..	..	82 20	82 20
Santa Fe.....	6	444	..	11	4	3 60	11	6	..	2	18	80	..	..	2	..	80	..	4	1,250	1,800	1	600	..	..
McEwen.....	2	250	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 1/2	800	1,000	..	..	250 00	250 00
Total.....	42	3,950	1	291	134	\$402 04	252	40	13	44 1/2	277	2,213	600	75	45	423	601	\$204 55	76 1/4	19,550	\$40,330	4	\$2,350	\$125 00	\$3,012 90

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Pd. on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Extension.		Pd. for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
Centerville Station.....	\$ 7 50	\$ 7 50	\$10 00	\$10 00	..	\$50 00	\$50 00	\$400 00	\$400 00	\$15 00	\$15 00	\$30 00	\$10 00	\$15 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 8 50
Centerville Circuit.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	..	50 00	50 00	350 00	350 00	15 00	8 00	30 00	17 00	10 00	..	..
Pinewood.....	5 50	1 00	12 50	5 70	..	45 00	22 72	250 00	136 32	15 00	12 50	30 00	20 00	12 50	4 00	..
Duck River.....	..	..	8 00	8 00	..	40 00	25 00	200 00	113 00	12 50	5 00	25 00	5 00	10 00	..	..
Ebenezer and Liberty.....	12 50	12 50	15 00	15 40	..	80 00	80 00	450 00	450 00	30 00	25 00	75 00	61 50	25 00	17 50	..
Waverly.....	6 00	6 00	7 00	7 00	..	50 00	38 75	300 00	220 45	20 00	6 00	40 00	6 00	15 00	..	..
Standing Rock and Danville*.....	..	6 00	6 00	6 00	..	80 00	33 40	550 00	224 16	20 00	12 00	50 00	22 00	15 00	5 00	..
Dover.....	..	4 00	10 00	2 50	..	50 00	50 00	350 00	350 00	20 00	10 00	40 00	12 00	10 00	..	..
Erin and Cumberland City.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	..	60 00	44 00	300 00	212 55	15 00	20 00	40 00	50 00	20 00	10 00	..
White Oak.....	..	..	4 50	..	..	40 00	13 70	280 00	92 90	No assessm't.	No assessm't.	No assessm't.	7 50	..	..	..
Yellow Creek.....	8 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	..	45 00	20 22	300 00	159 50	15 00	8 75	40 00	9 00	7 50	1 30	..
Dickson.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	..	60 00	43 21	600 00	388 86	20 00	10 00	50 00	30 00	15 00	7 50	..
White Bluff Mission.....	..	1 25	10 00	1 45	..	30 00	6 00	395 00	79 00	10 00	21 40	15 00	5 00	5 00	1 25	..
Warner Mission.....	3 50	..	5 00	..	..	25 00	12 00	69 50	75 55	5 00	3 55	10 00	..	2 50	..	..
Santa Fe.....	..	12 50	20 00	20 00	..	60 00	53 30	350 00	336 50	25 00	25 00	60 00	60 00	20 00	4 75	..
McEwen.....	..	5 00	5 00	..	..	40 00	20 70	280 00	144 90	10 00	..	15 00	..	5 00	..	..
Total.....	\$73 00	\$80 75	\$146 00	\$106 05	\$9 00	\$805 00	\$563 00	\$5,424 50	\$3,763 69	\$247 50	\$182 20	\$550 00	\$307 50	\$195 00	\$56 30	\$8 50

* The amount assessed and paid to P. C. includes \$200 assessed and \$70.96 paid to junior preacher.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.—CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	Ill. Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money Expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairing, etc.
Clarksville.....	.....	364	...	4	14	\$10 91	64	28	3	1	21	179	300	100	33	80	110	\$772 95	1	1,072	\$30,000	1	\$1,800	\$350	\$2,837 70
New Providence and Bethel.....	.....	102	...	1	8	4 70	20	1	...	2	2	40	.....	.....	6	65	44	12 70	2	600	6,800	...	.....	.....	3 00
Montgomery.....	1	310	.....	7	12	00	20	6	4	8	47	350	.....	.....	12	24	254	45 00	2	3,200	3,625	1	600	.....	.....
Palmyra.....	.....	293	.....	21	6	00	8	.....	.....	7	30	240	.....	.....	4	20	15	.....	5	1,400	1,200	.....	.....	.....	500 00
Cheatham.....	1	272	.....	11	1	10 00	8	.....	.....	2	11	99	100	.....	8	10	50	10 00	3	500	1,150	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Ashland City and Pleasant View.....	4	322	.....	22	20	16 00	33	.....	.....	1	11	60	50	.....	6	48	60	16 00	2	550	1,600	.....	.....	125	25 00
Red River.....	2	534	.....	47	6	23 25	31	1	.....	4	41	211	180	.....	3	108	104	17 85	5	1,500	5,028	1	500	.....	20 00
Springfield.....	1	158	.....	6	4	25 25	19	.....	.....	1	12	151	168	.....	9	60	50	39 70	1	300	4,500	.....	.....	.....	167 00
Cedar Hill.....	2	395	.....	17	5	18 00	26	.....	.....	2	16	161	150	50	10	144	58	31 00	3	900	4,000	1	700	50	46 50
Port Royal.....	3	245	.....	9	1	.....	35	6	.....	3	12	95	.....	10	14	58	35	20 55	3	650	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Asbury.....	2	751	.....	5	1	.....	20	7	1	6	26	257	300	.....	8	30	.....	26 00	6	2,000	5,000	1	1,000	.....	18 00
State Line Mission.....	.....	107	.....	8	.....	6 40	14	.....	.....	1	10	40	.....	.....	1	35	35	12 40	2 1/2	500	3,000	.....	.....	.....	131 55
Antioch.....	4	691	.....	15	31	7 00	65	.....	.....	8	25	320	260	4	6	35	72	27 00	6 1/2	2,500	6,000	1	1,000	.....	99 90
Saline.....	3	194	.....	3	2	13 00	8	.....	.....	1	5	20	40	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	3	750	1,200	1	500	100	.....
Indian Mound.....	.....	319	.....	49	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	800	1,000	.....	.....	.....	25 50
Total.....	23	5,057	...	197	138	\$152 51	371	49	8	47	275	2223	1548	164	120	742	887	\$1031 15	54 1/2	17,222	\$77,603	7	\$6,100	\$625	\$3,974 15

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.		Conference Fund.		Pd. on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Extension.		Pd. for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
Clarksville.....	\$50 00	\$50 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$6 00	\$262 50	\$262 50	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$112 50	\$112 50	\$450 00	\$450 00	\$116 00	\$116 00	\$506 90
New Providence and Bethel.....	22 00	22 00	44 00	44 00	2 75	115 50	98 20	700 00	589 30	49 50	49 50	198 00	198 00	51 00	51 00	2 10
Montgomery.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	1 25	52 50	52 50	500 00	500 00	22 50	22 00	90 00	90 00	23 00	1 00	25 00
Palmyra.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	8 40	1 00	52 50	22 45	250 00	105 65	22 50	8 00	90 00	21 00	23 00	2 00	100 00
Cheatham.....	3 00	3 00	6 00	6 00	50	15 75	6 30	250 00	167 10	6 75	6 75	29 00	24 00	7 00	7 00	.....
Ashland City and Pleasant View.....	18 00	18 00	36 00	21 00	1 00	94 50	60 00	600 00	500 00	40 50	9 35	162 00	40 00	42 00	17 45	.....
Red River.....	18 00	18 00	36 00	18 00	2 25	94 50	75 00	500 00	469 50	40 50	24 30	162 00	47 50	42 00	21 00	.....
Springfield.....	18 00	18 00	36 00	36 00	2 25	94 50	94 50	700 00	700 00	40 50	40 50	162 00	59 04	42 00	25 50	75 50
Cedar Hill.....	18 00	18 00	36 00	25 10	1 00	94 50	79 90	600 00	507 30	40 50	25 00	162 00	73 50	42 00	5 50	.....
Port Royal.....	18 00	18 00	36 00	13 00	2 25	94 50	94 50	510 00	510 00	40 50	20 00	162 00	100 00	42 00	8 00	.....
Asbury.....	18 00	18 00	36 00	20 00	2 50	94 50	80 10	650 00	550 90	40 50	30 00	162 00	110 00	42 00	25 20	.....
State Line Mission.....	3 00	3 00	6 00	6 00	.....	15 75	15 75	350 00	350 00	6 75	6 75	29 00	27 00	7 00	7 00	.....
Antioch.....	24 00	24 00	48 00	48 00	3 00	125 00	125 00	660 00	660 00	54 00	25 00	216 00	101 00	56 00	28 30	10 00
Saline.....	6 50	6 50	13 00	4 25	75	50 00	20 20	250 00	101 00	15 00	3 50	60 00	5 00	.....	1 00	8 75
Indian Mound.....	3 50	3 50	7 00	6 00	75	40 00	28 15	250 00	177 80	7 50	7 50	30 00	2 50	23 00	8 00	.....
Total.....	\$240 00	\$240 00	\$480 00	\$375 75	\$27 25	\$1,296 50	\$1,115 05	\$7,770 00	\$6,888 55	\$540 00	\$390 65	\$2,164 00	\$1,348 55	\$558 00	\$323 95	\$728 25

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Amount of Books sold.	Advocates taken.	Other Church Papers.	Periodicals.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Quarterlies taken.	Ill. Lesson Papers and Little People taken.	Money Expended.	No. of Churches.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended in building, repairing, etc.
Nashville.....	44	5,001	...	101	58	\$115 20	519	73	.....	31	349	3,047	3,808	1061	228	1,869	1601	\$2028 19	28	10,925	\$138,100	3	\$6,950	\$7,970	\$3,674 48
Murfreesboro.....	28	5,279	...	167	79	196 90	383	11	12	53	367	2,466	2,019	324	129	1,331	1018	718 26	63½	17,860	87,195	5	6,550	1,725	1,450 75
Carthage.....	36	5,245	3	252	74	82 00	221	7	28	50	256	2,082	321	19	57	620	568	139 75	57 5-12	16,900	35,868	7	3,450	310	2,963 85
McMinnville.....	41	4,920	...	232	54	317 75	174	29	9	54	267	2,820	1,033	20	50	597	964	295 40	62 5-6	15,992	35,500	3	1,500	1,925	3,407 00
Shelbyville.....	28	4,848	...	424	44	309 61	352	55	23	50	310	2,585	758	208	97	1,534	1172	644 07	55½	16,455	53,380	4	3,400	750	2,974 20
Columbia.....	22	5,648	1	333	86	273 02	394	33	14	44	286	2,267	1,160	197	114	1,253	771	496 54	49¾	15,185	74,600	11	14,625	1,025	3,067 55
Franklin.....	16	5,304	2	264	42	318 92	496	50	22	55	310	2,454	1,181	106	171	1,583	1072	615 65	57	15,930	91,700	10	10,430	2,000	5,865 40
Savannah.....	38	3,204	...	218	81	334 75	199	30	66	46	230	1,885	281	83	41	561	716	220 30	55½	11,700	38,450	6	2,550	480	2,585 50
Centerville.....	42	3,950	1	291	134	402 04	252	49	13	44½	277	2,213	600	75	45	423	601	204 55	76¼	19,550	40,330	4	2,350	125	3,012 90
Clarksville.....	23	5,057	...	197	138	152 51	371	49	8	47	275	2,223	1,548	164	120	742	887	1031 15	54½	17,222	77,603	7	6,100	625	3,974 15
Total.....	318	48,456	7	2479	790	\$2502 70	3361	386	195	474½	2927	24,042	12,709	2257	1052	10,513	9371	\$6395 86	560 1-12	157,719	\$672,726 60	\$57,905	\$16,935	33,575 78	

DISTRICTS.	Conference Fund.		Bishops' Fund.		Pd. on Publication of Minutes.	P. E. Salary.		P. C. Salaries.		Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Extension.		Pd. for Education, Poor and other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	
Nashville.....	\$375 00	\$375 00	\$750 00	\$770 27	\$45 90	\$2,235 00	\$2,141 14	\$13,850 00	\$12,337 68	\$1156 00	\$1181 90	\$4,629 00	\$3,350 82	\$908 50	\$725 70	\$1684 38
Murfreesboro.....	229 10	209 35	460 00	416 55	12 00	1,114 00	1,009 15	8,474 00	7,545 65	540 00	380 95	2,163 40	823 40	505 50	225 65	85 00
Carthage.....	72 00	72 50	144 00	116 25	9 00	730 00	441 22	4,337 00	2,849 31	168 00	145 50	700 00	326 55	240 00	80 00	28 00
McMinnville.....	85 00	58 70	170 00	103 35	10 00	840 00	547 72	5,427 00	3,540 04	225 00	150 45	910 00	525 00	228 50	54 55	92 85
Shelbyville.....	177 00	175 00	354 00	278 10	16 45	825 00	669 32	7,052 00	5,902 46	371 90	224 80	1,382 90	1,007 70	460 15	164 65	552 45
Columbia.....	225 00	225 00	450 00	406 45	14 60	1,199 40	1,039 87	8,700 00	7,773 81	540 00	446 30	2,163 50	1,546 94	593 40	328 55	326 26
Franklin.....	225 00	225 00	450 00	429 50	27 00	1,200 00	1,180 08	7,843 59	7,742 65	580 00	530 68	2,298 00	2,107 47	582 50	488 30	850 35
Savannah.....	98 00	98 30	196 00	147 85	12 00	600 00	424 03	3,922 00	2,965 49	153 40	154 00	480 00	341 55	213 35	108 45	269 25
Centerville.....	73 00	80 75	146 00	106 05	9 00	805 00	563 00	5,424 50	3,763 69	247 60	182 20	550 00	307 50	195 00	56 30	8 50
Clarksville.....	240 00	240 00	480 00	375 75	27 25	1,296 50	1,115 05	7,770 00	6,888 55	540 00	390 65	2,164 00	1,348 55	558 00	323 95	728 25
Total.....	\$1799 10	\$1759 60	\$3600 00	\$3150 12	\$183 20	\$10,844 90	\$9,130 58	\$72,800 09	\$61,309 33	\$4522 70	\$3787 43	\$17,440 80	\$11,685 48	\$4484 90	\$2556 10	\$4625 29

CONFERENCE WELCOME.

A PLEASANT episode in the session of the Conference was the formal welcome given by the Tulip Street Sunday-school on Friday night, October 10. The following report of the event is taken from the *Daily World*:

The welcome meeting given by the Tulip Street Sunday-school to the members of the Tennessee Conference was, as was intended and expected, one of the happiest and pleasantest affairs of the kind ever witnessed in this or any other city; and Mr. W. H. Morrow—whose soul always goes with and into his work—and his able assistants deserve the highest praise possible for projecting and bringing the entertainment to such a successful and happy consummation. It would be hard indeed to conceive of a more pleasant occasion. Long before the hour for the exercises to begin the church was densely packed with members of the Conference, members of the Church, visiting friends, and Sunday-school scholars.

Mr. Morrow, the superintendent of the school, called the house to order, when the exercises began with "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," sung by the entire audience. This was followed by a recitation of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Miss Annie Lou Weakley came forward after the prayer, and in a remarkably clear and sweet tone of voice spoke as follows:

"Dear Fathers and Brethren:

"Tulip Street Sunday-school has met to-night to bid you a hearty welcome. Just seven years ago we met you in this place. Many of us were little children then; now we are nearly grown, and sometimes think of the boys. In looking at you I see gray hairs where there were black ones; where I now see wrinkles the face was then smooth; and I discover that some of you are in the condition described by a little boy when he said that a gentleman's face ran clear up to the top of his head.

"I have heard learned men say that the human body undergoes an entire change in seven years; and if we are to accept all that they say, we must conclude that there is not now a single particle of us here to-night that was present seven years ago. Yet we are here, for all that. I know that I was here seven years ago, and that I am here now, the self-same girl that looked into your faces then. We believe in the resurrection of the body—this body; but when you ask us the how and the wherefore, we refer you to our Bible class, which meets in the room below. At any rate, you were here seven years ago, and we are here now; and though some who were scholars then are teachers now, yet we are the same; and as we know each other here we expect to know each other better when we gather around our Father's throne in heaven.

"Since we met, a score of your number have ceased to labor here, and have entered into their reward, while many of our number have gone to join them; and I fancy that to-night they are looking on and enjoying this pleasant occasion with us.

"Doubtless many of you have seen much trouble in these seven years, yet you have had many happy hours. Through your preaching many have been converted and saved who will be stars in your crown hereafter. You may not have laid up much treasure on earth, yet we feel certain that you have much treasure laid up where thieves cannot steal it nor moths corrupt it.

"Since you were with us we have had Brother McFerrin, Dr. West, Dr. Wright, and Dr. Leftwich; so that in seven years we have had four pastors; and if the Bishop and Council of Ten will let us alone, we can get along as we are for another year; and then, if you behave yourselves nicely, we may let some one of your number come and stay with us a few years.

"We have selected some songs and other exercises for your entertainment, and it only remains for me to say that we are really glad to see you, and to express the wish that you all may be useful and happy in this world and eternally happy in the world to come. May God bless you! is the prayer of our school."

When the oldest and the youngest preachers in the Tennessee Conference were called for, Dr. McFerrin responded as the oldest, and the Rev. W. F. Haggard as the youngest present. Dr. McFerrin occupied a seat in the pulpit, while Mr. Haggard occupied a seat near the entrance. He was called to the front, when Mr. Morrow presented each of them with a basket of beautiful flowers. Addressing himself to Mr. Haggard, Mr. Morrow said: "I have no speech to make in presenting you with this bouquet of flowers, but I hope when you have lived to be as old as Dr. McFerrin is you may have as good a record."

Dr. McFerrin arose and said: "I am brought before you, my friends, as the oldest preacher in the Tennessee Conference. In some respects it is a serious matter. There are one or two older men than I am in the Conference. There is one ordained the same day I was, but he has grown old and worn-out. He is not here, and possibly never will be again. When I was admitted into the Conference I was the youngest man in it. I was only a little over eighteen years old. Wednesday morning when the roll was called I was the oldest man to answer to his name. All the rest have gone. Fifty-nine years ago this week I joined the Conference, and I have been in the service ever since. What changes have taken place in those fifty-nine years that I have been a preacher!" Turning to the children, he said: "I was born on the 15th day of June, 1807; now, how old am I?" "Seventy-seven," replied the class promptly. "I was converted on the 20th day of June, 1825. How long ago has that been?" "Fifty-nine years," answered the children. "When I came here this country around us was all in the woods. There was no gas-light, no railroads—in fact, no any thing hardly. I tell you, children, I never saw a Sunday-school in my life until I became a preacher. I never saw an organ until long after I was a preacher. When I started out I labored under a great many difficulties. I went on horseback with a big pair of saddle-bags, one end of them filled with clothes and the other with books. In this way I traveled over my circuit; and if my horse had come upon such a house as this, and an organ, it would have scared him so that he would have run away with me. I would have been scared myself. I did n't then know what an organ was. We thought that the use of an organ was heresy. We liked to have split the Church open about organs. But we have passed through all that. Great changes have taken place. What a consolation it is to see all these children growing up under the influence of the Church and the Sunday-school!" Turning to the children, he asked them suddenly: "Boys, do you smoke cigars? Do you chew tobacco? Do you go to base-ball on Sunday? I am afraid some of you go to Sunday-school in the morning and to base-ball in the afternoon." He reminded them of the fate of the bad boys mentioned in the Scriptures who made sport of an old man and were devoured by bears, and said that boys who desecrated the Sabbath might some day meet with a similar fate. No good could come to boys who violated the Sabbath. Said he: "I never went to a circus in my life, nor to a theater when a play was going on; nor did I ever play cards in my life. I don't know any thing about such things." The minister closed his remarks, which were interspersed with good anecdotes and wise counsel for the children of the Sunday-school, with the assurance that "some day there would be a grand and glorious concert with the angels in heaven; and we'll all be there, and we'll sing, 'Amen, amen; glory to God forever!'"

The pastors of the Tulip Street Church, from the first who served the congregation to the last, were called up in front of the altar, where they were each presented with a photograph of the church. Each recipient acknowledged the gift with well-timed and appropriate remarks. The pastors were Revs. W. Burr, W. P. Owen, J. M. Wright, J. B. West, J. P. McFerrin, J. D. Barbee, R. K. Brown, and W. M. Leftwich.

The exercises were closed by the infant class singing, by request, "The Old Ship of Zion." The congregation rose to their feet and sung the last verse with the class.

After the benediction by Dr. McFerrin, the congregation dispersed to their homes, happier and better for having attended the "Welcome Meeting" of the Tulip Street Sunday-school.

FACTS AND STATISTICS FOR A MISSIONARY SPEECH.

SINCE the last General Conference our Board of Missions has sent to China the Rev. D. L. Anderson and wife, the Rev. O. G. Mingledorff and wife, Prof. W. B. Bonnell and wife, and Dr. O. A. Dukes. The Woman's Board of Missions has sent an equal number. The Anglo-Chinese University has been built, at a cost of sixty-two thousand dollars, and filled with students. China has twenty-seven appointments. Young J. Allen, D.D., LL.D., is superintendent.

Our Board has sent to Central Mexico the Rev. R. N. Freeman and wife, the Rev. J. W. Grimes and wife, the Rev. Jos. Norwood and wife, the Rev. Geo. B. Winton and wife, the Rev. D. W. Carter and wife, and the Rev. D. F. Watkins. The Mission Head-quarters have been built, at a cost of twenty-three thousand dollars. Central Mexico has forty-nine appointments. W. M. Patterson, DD., is superintendent.

Our Board has sent to Brazil the Rev. J. W. Tarboux and wife. The new church in Rio will cost largely over ten thousand dollars. Brazil has ten appointments. James W. Koger, presiding elder, is superintendent.

Our Board has sent to the Mexican Border Robertson, McDonald, Carter, Kilgore, Corbin, MacDonell, Scoggins, and Bryce. This Mission has thirty appointments. A. H. Sutherland, D.D., is superintendent.

The Indian Mission Conference has six presiding elders' districts. Bishop Hargrove has charge.

The German Mission Conference has three presiding elders' districts. Bishop McTyeire has charge.

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The Sunday-school service, like that of the pulpit ministry, is an external sign of an internal desire upon the part of the Church to faithfully discharge the great commission of Him who said, "Go preach; go teach."

History fails to tell us "who organized the first Church." It is equally silent as to "who organized the first Sunday-school." The thing is of God, the name is of man.

Luther, Knox, and Borromeo, of the sixteenth century, had the people taught in schools on Sunday; and isolated examples of the same kind occur in records of the seventeenth century.

The first Sunday-school in America of which we have knowledge was at Roxbury, Mass., 1674. John Wesley established one at Savannah, Ga., 1736.

Robert Raikes, of Gloucester, England, hired four school-mistresses to teach, to catechise, and to take to church on Sunday such poor children of his vicinity as might apply. A statement from him of methods and results was copied by the London papers, and in four years two hundred and fifty thousand English children were in Sunday-school. Raikes is the founder of the modern Sunday-school system, as Wesley is of Methodism.

Bishop Asbury is credited with having propagated this system in America, by organizing a school in the house of Thomas Crenshaw, Hanover county, Virginia, about the year 1785.

Statistics.—In the United States: Schools, 98,303; officers and teachers, 1,043,718; scholars, 7,668,833. Total Sunday-school membership of the world, 17,658,524. Southern Methodist schools, 9,875; officers and teachers, 65,574; scholars, 509,934.

The Sunday-school is not a substitute for, but an auxiliary to, all that is best in home life and Church life. All that is characteristic of the home life and the Church life of a people finds expression in the Sunday-school room. Nothing can rise higher than its source. Like Church, like Sunday-school. If not, why not?

Parents may increase the saving power of the school by engaging with the young people in home study of the lesson; by personal attendance; by cooperating with officers and teachers in securing order; and by refraining from adverse criticism. "To train up a child in the way he should go, go that way yourself."

The pastor may augment the efficiency of the school as auxiliary to the pulpit by such active supervision as shall secure officers and teachers from the very best material in the Church, and by ample provision of appropriate lesson-helps and reading-books. He should attend the sessions of the school when possible, and by active participation—without needless interference—seek to improve its methods and quicken its spirituality. By appropriate mention of the school service from the pulpit, in prayer, sermon, and exhortation, he will inevitably create a wholesome sentiment in its favor. By talking of the school in the homes of the people, members will be stimulated in preparation of the lesson, in regularity of attendance, and in loyal activity.

The superintendent is the pastor's first assistant in the work of resisting sin and saving souls. He should in life and character represent the true pastor. In the very best superintendents these two qualities predominate—religion and common sense.

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J. A. LYONS, *Assistant Sunday-school Editor.*

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Yes, the argument is old; but there is only one way to meet it, and that way is by insuring. Better do it at once, and have it off your mind.

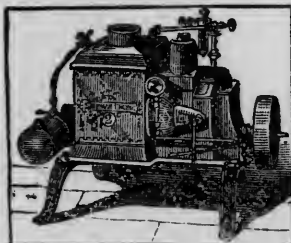
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